



# NARUTO

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For those of you who weren't able to read the "Road to Ninja" one-shot, you can check it out on the Japanese *Shonen Jump* website!

The story is gonna get hotter and hotter! I don't want to rush anyone, but I want you to read volume 62 too!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2012



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.



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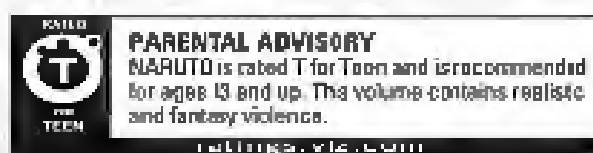
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Mizukage 水影



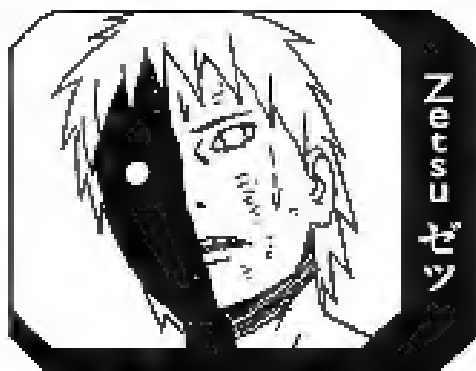
Tsunade 土影



Raikage 雷影



Kabuto カブト



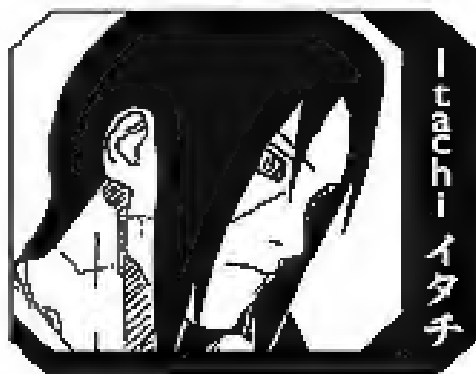
Nezu ゼツ



キラービー



Uchiha Madara うちはマダラ



Itachi イタチ



Killer Bee キラービー

## THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power.

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. The Allied Shinobi Forces begin to rally back after a series of unfavorable battles early on and have the Five Shadows assemble on the battlefield in order to stop the Edotensei-revived Madara! Naruto deepens his bond with Nine Tails and the other jinchūriki during his battle against the masked man. Meanwhile, Sasuke encounters a revived Itachi!

# CHARACTERS



Sasuke  
サスケ



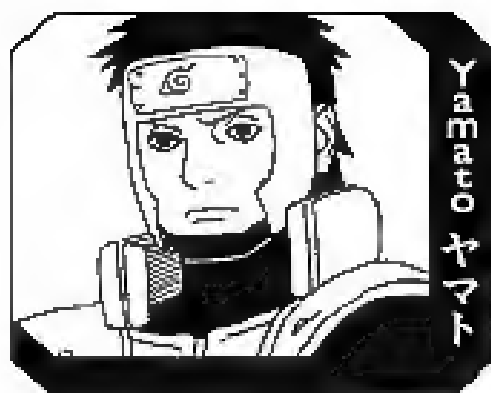
Naruto  
ナルト



Sakura  
サクラ



Kakashi  
カカシ



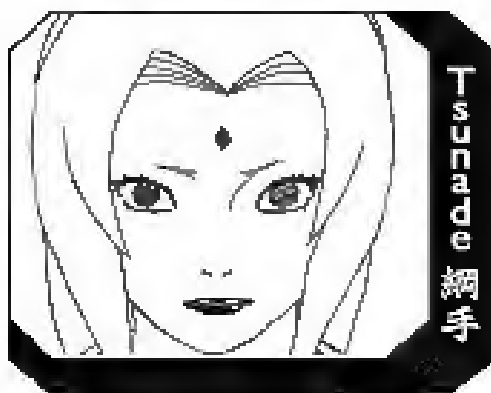
Yamato  
ヤマト



Sai  
サイ



Gaara  
我爱罗



Tsunade  
綱手



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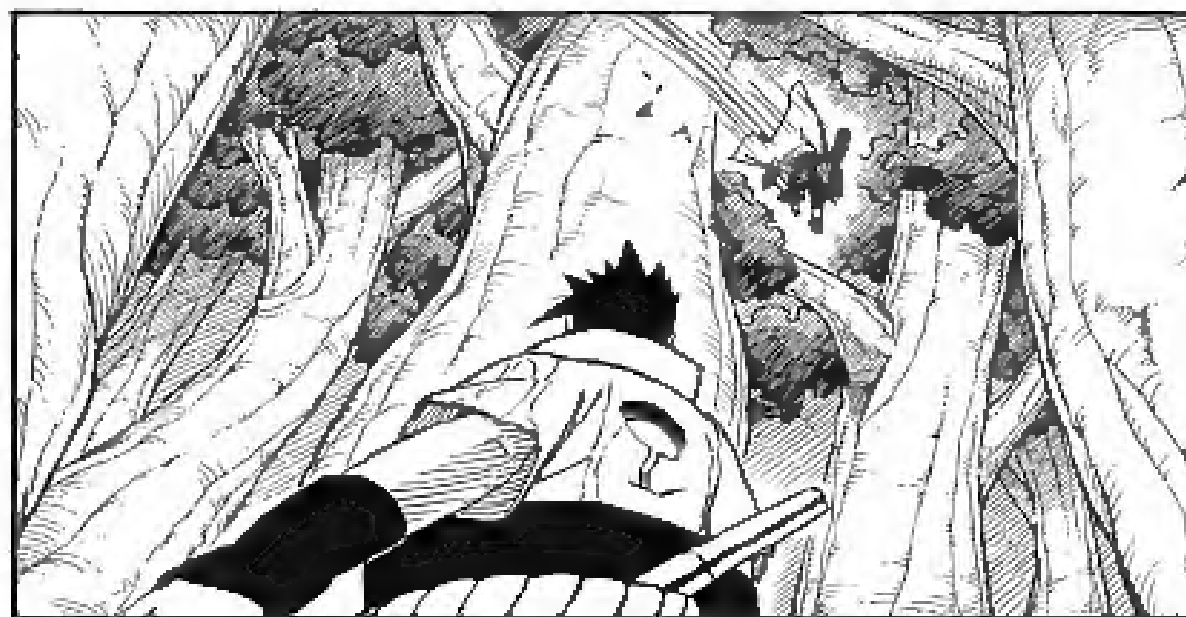
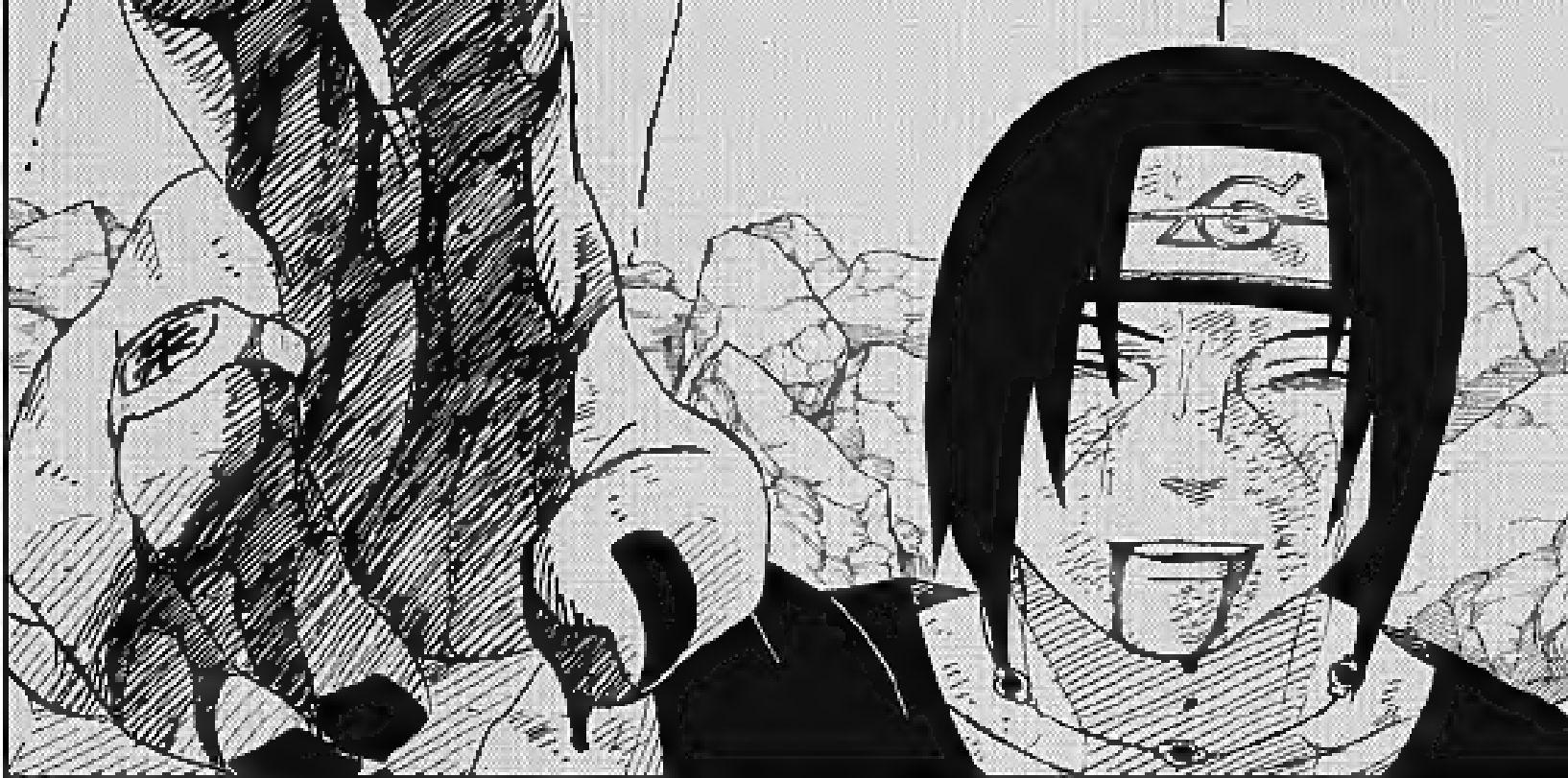
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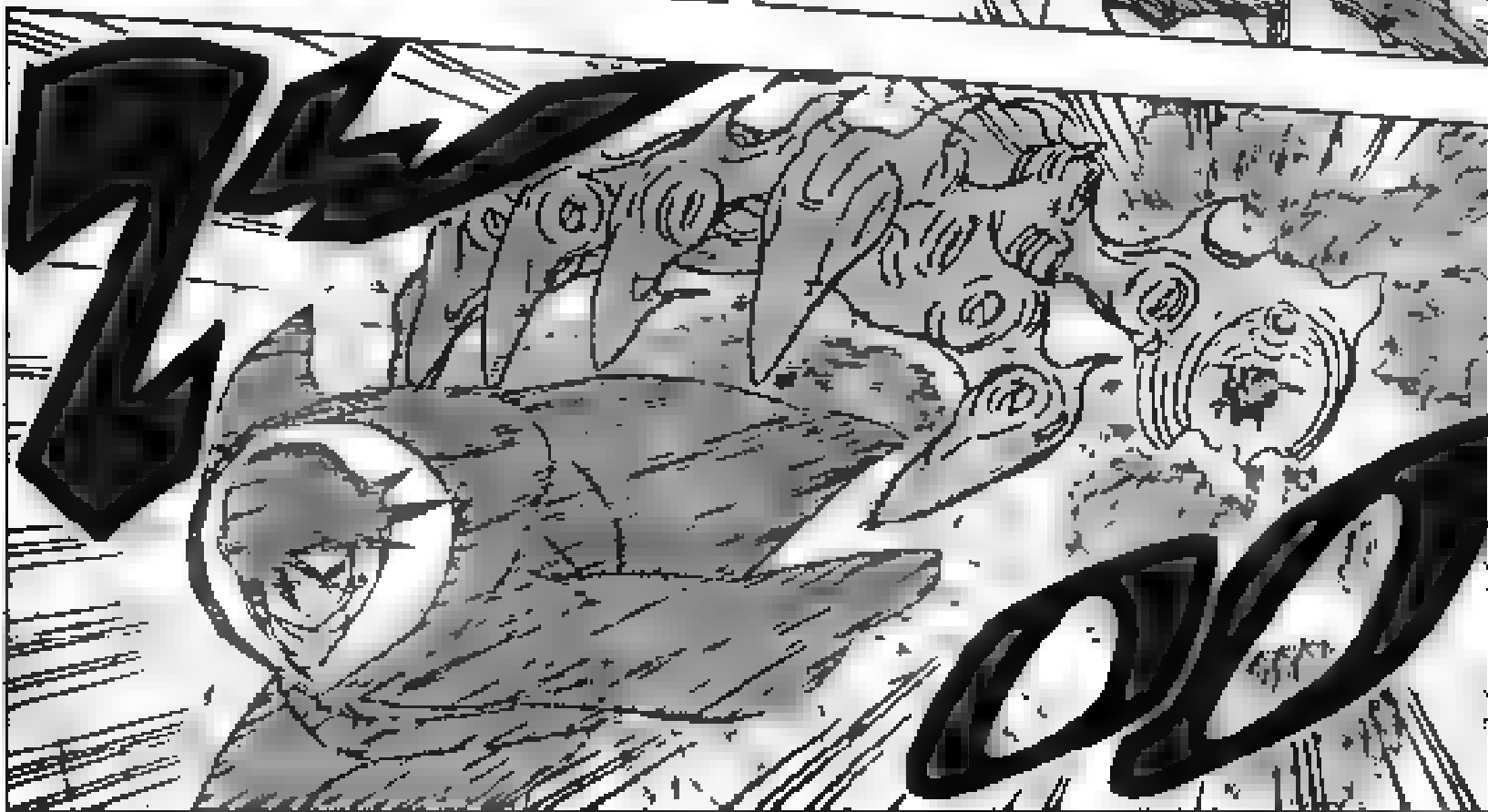
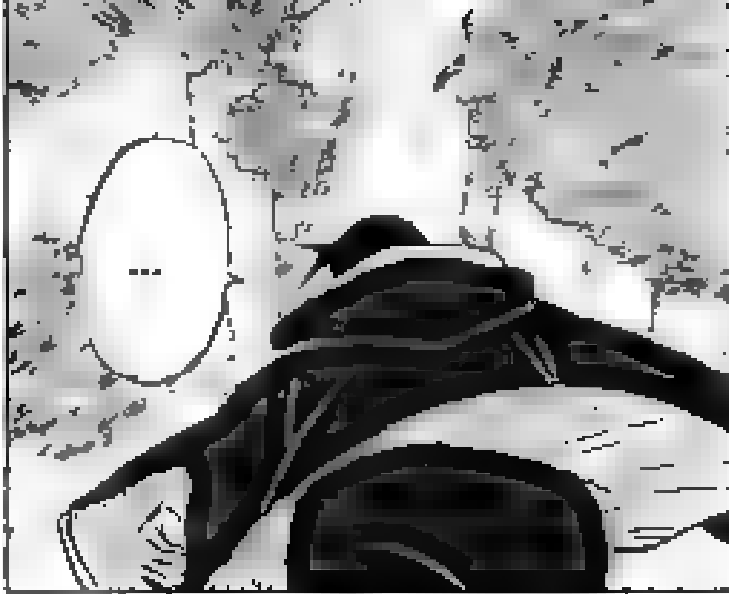
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ARE YOU  
RUNNING  
FROM ME  
OUT OF  
GUILT, FOR  
BEING A  
LIAR? YOU  
HAVE NO  
COURAGE TO  
TELL ME THE  
TRUTH!!

NOW  
YOU  
WANT  
TO RUN  
AWAY  
FROM  
ME?!



TO COME  
FIND YOU  
ONCE I HAD  
THE SAME  
EYES AS YOU

YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO SAID  
IT!



THAT'S  
WHY I WILL  
DESTROY  
KONOHA!

KNOW  
EVERYTHING  
ABOUT YOU!



CAN SEE  
THROUGH  
YOUR  
GENJUTSU!

I NO  
LONGER  
LIVE  
INSIDE A  
FANTASY!!

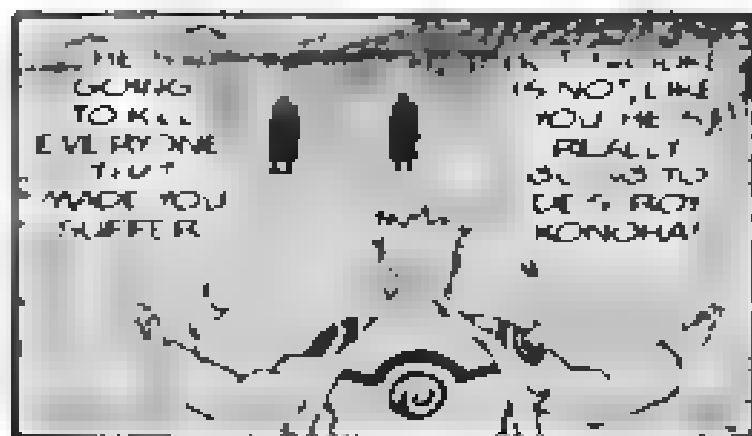
BUT MY  
TRUTH  
IS  
REAL

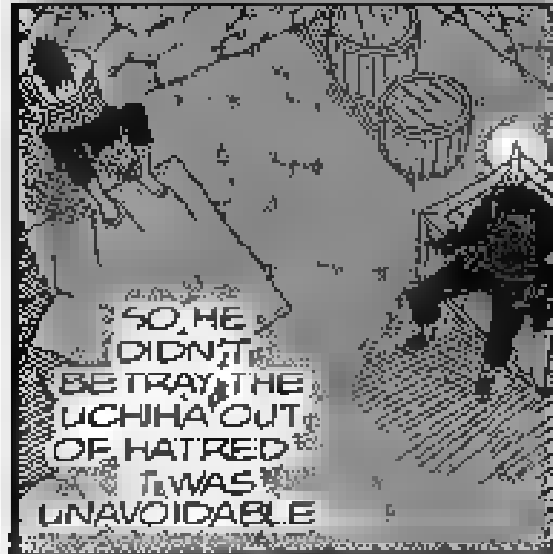
YOUR  
REALTY  
MIGHT  
BE AN  
ILLUSION.



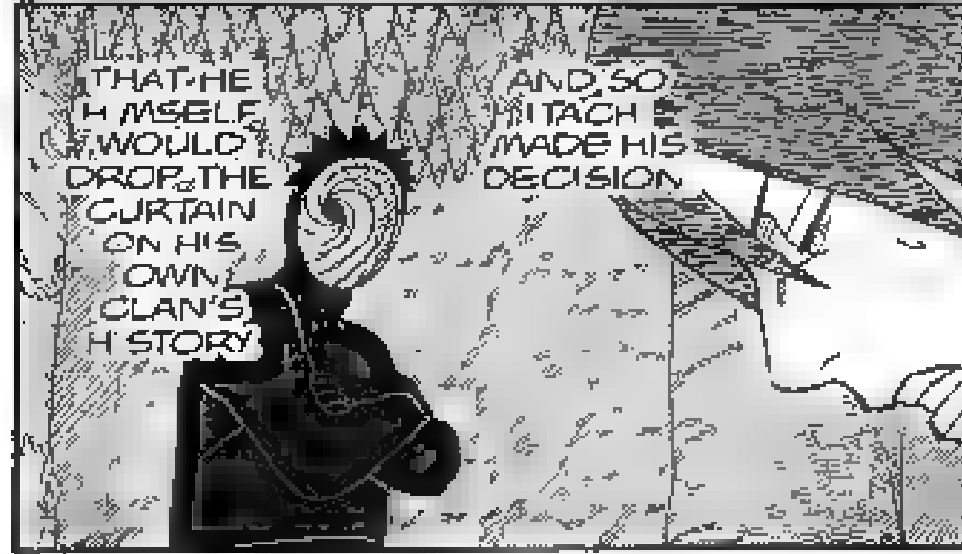
TOLD YOU WE  
EACH LIVE DEEP  
INSIDE OUR  
OWN FANTASY,  
REMEMBER?

WHEN WE  
FOUGHT.





SO HE  
DIDN'T  
BETRAY THE  
UCHIHA OUT  
OF HATRED  
IT WAS  
UNAVOIDABLE



THAT HE  
HIMSELF  
WOULD  
DROP THE  
CURTAIN  
ON HIS  
OWN  
CLAN'S  
HISTORY

AND SO  
MITACHI  
MADE HIS  
DECISION



HE SHOULDERS  
ALL THAT BY  
HIMSELF AND  
SACRIFICED  
HIMSELF  
NO ONE CAN  
REPROACH HIM OR  
HIS DECISION

THE  
DISCRIMINATION  
THAT AROSE  
FROM THE  
VILLAGE'S  
PROSPERITY  
AND THE PRICE  
OF DISCORD

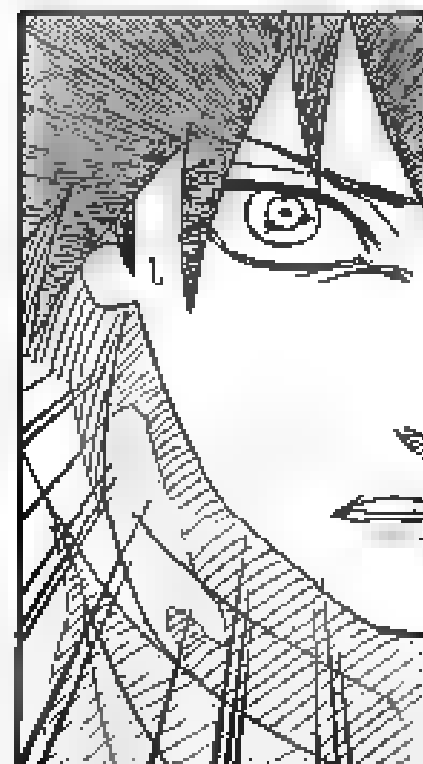


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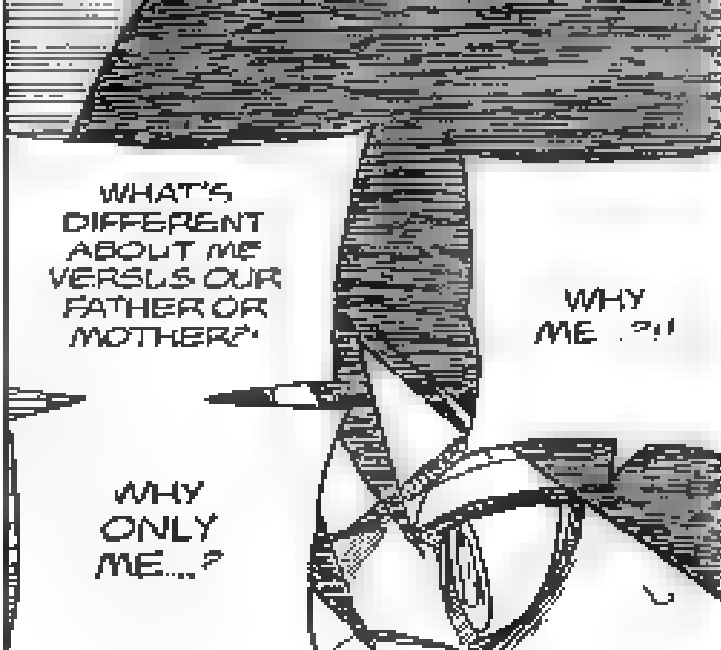


WHY DID  
YOU SPARE  
JUST ME?!

WHY  
ME?!







I TRIED TO  
LEAD YOU DOWN  
THAT PATH OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS.

BEFORE  
DIED...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
ALL I  
WANTED  
WAS FOR  
YOU TO  
WALK THE  
RIGHT PATH.

I  
CHANGED THE  
SIGNPOSTS  
ON THAT PATH  
WITH LIES AND  
MY OCULAR  
POWERS.

SHO

PO  
IK

YOU  
OUGHT TO  
DECIDE  
YOUR OWN  
JOURNEY.

YOU'RE  
RIGHT  
YEAH.

I DON'T  
CARE  
FOR  
SUCH A  
PATH!!

YOU JUST  
WANTED ME  
TO FOLLOW  
YOUR  
SIGNPOSTS  
WITH NO  
THOUGHTS  
OF MY OWN?

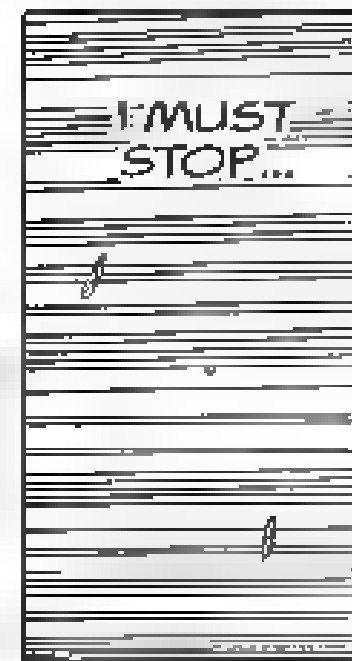
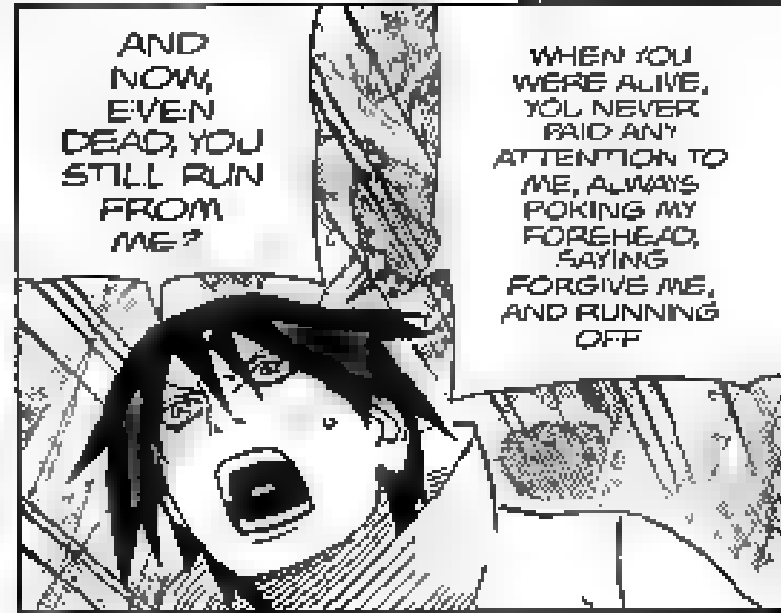
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FUNNY?!

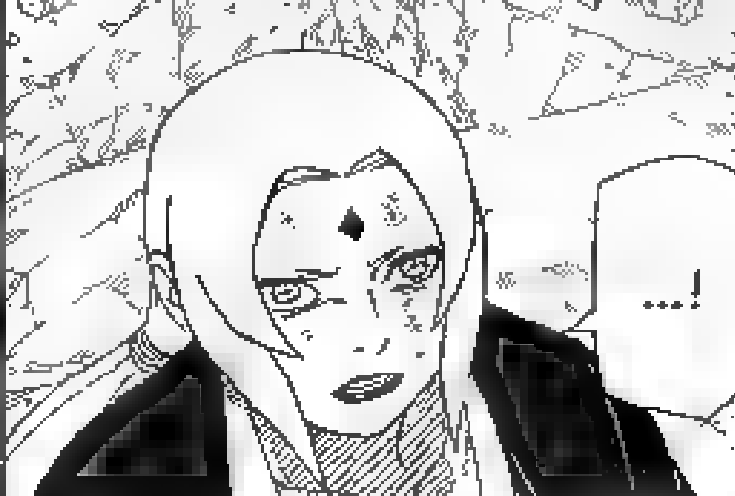
HEH...

MY EYES  
CAN STRIP  
AWAY THE  
TOP COAT  
OF PAINT  
NOW!

NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
YOU TRY TO  
REWRITE  
THE SIGN-  
POSTS.







ELIMINATING A  
PLATOON'S  
MEDIC NINJA  
FIRST IS AN  
ESTABLISHED  
TACTIC.

YOU THINK WE'D  
JUST LET YOU  
SALLY DOWN HERE  
AND MAKE THINGS  
EASY FOR YOU?

I'M TAKING  
YOU DOWN  
FIRST.



...WHA?!



IT'S  
BECAUSE  
SHE'S A  
DESCENDANT  
OF SENJU  
HASHIRAMA.

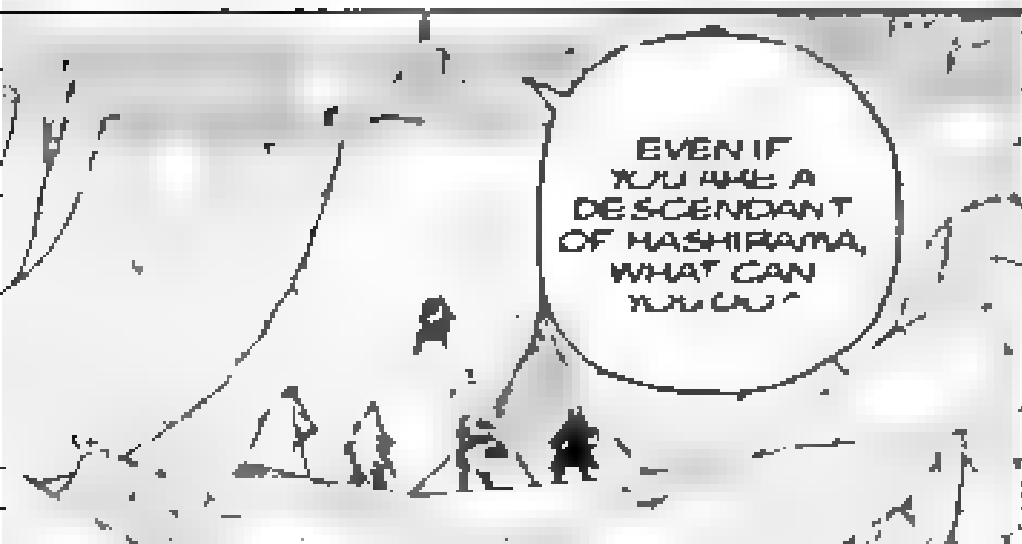
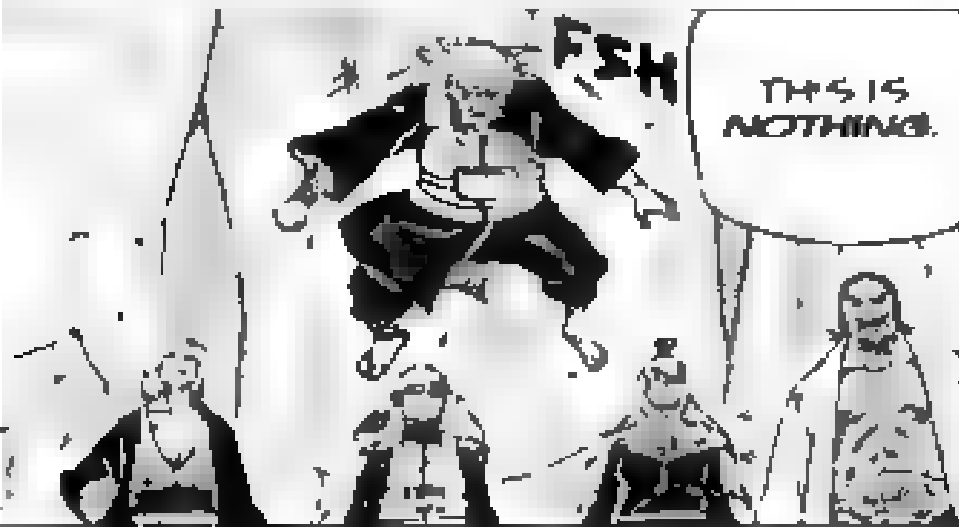
YOU'RE  
WRONG.




IT'S  
PATHETIC  
COMPARED  
TO SENJU  
HASHIRAMA.




YOUR  
MEDICAL  
NINJUTSU  
IS ONLY  
STRONG  
ENOUGH TO  
DEFER  
DEATH A  
LITTLE BIT.






AND  
YOU'RE A  
WEAK  
WOMAN!

YOU CAN'T  
USE WOOD  
STYLE. YOUR  
MEDICAL  
NINJUTSU  
DOES NOT  
EVEN COME  
CLOSE TO  
HIS.




I THINK  
YOU'VE GONE  
ON LONG  
ENOUGH!!!



PUNY  
SENJU  
EVEN  
MORE  
SO.


WEAKNESS  
REVOLTS  
ME.




BUT I  
AM NOT  
WEAK.



TRUE  
ALSO. I AM  
FEMALE.



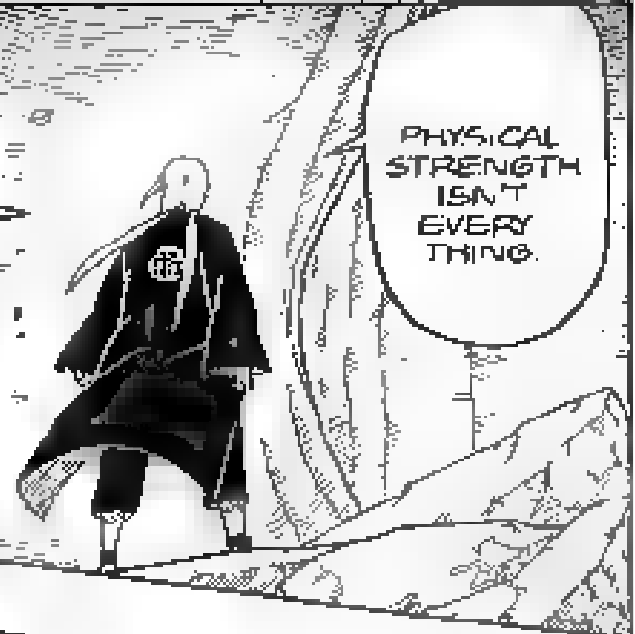
I AM FIRST  
HOKAGE  
HASHIRAMA'S  
DESCENDANT  
YET, I DON'T  
USE WOOD  
STYLE THAT'S  
TRUE.



MY MEDICAL  
NINJUTSU IS  
PATHETIC  
COMPARED  
TO THE FIRST  
HOKAGE'S.



MY TRUE  
POWER  
LIES IN  
SOMETHING  
PASSED ON  
TO ME FROM  
THE LINE OF  
THE FIRST  
HOKAGE



PHYSICAL  
STRENGTH  
ISN'T  
EVERY  
THING



MY TRUE  
POWER  
LIES IN THE  
WILL OF  
FIRE!!

ASH





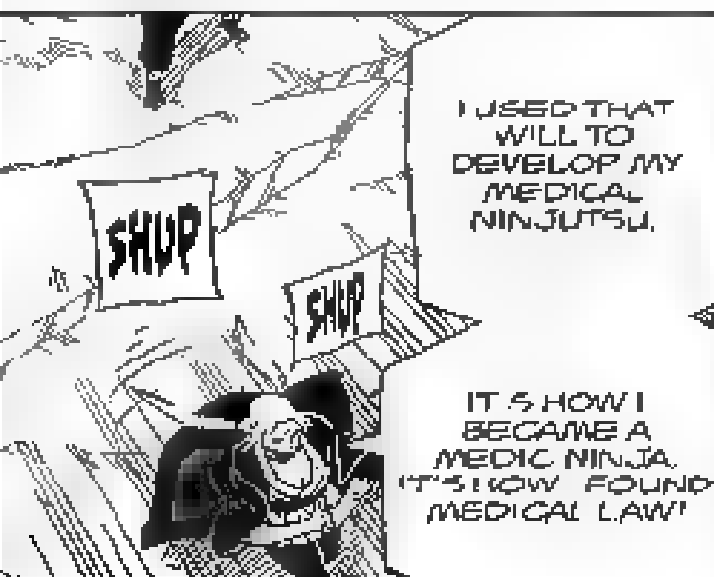
EEEE...



YOU THINK  
YOU CAN  
BEAT  
ME WITH  
HASHIRAMA'S  
WILL OF FIRE?

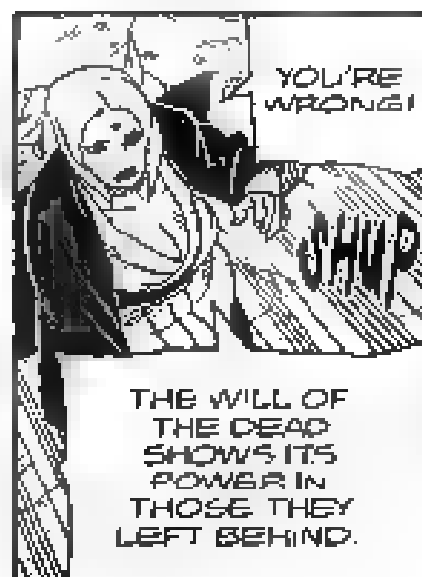


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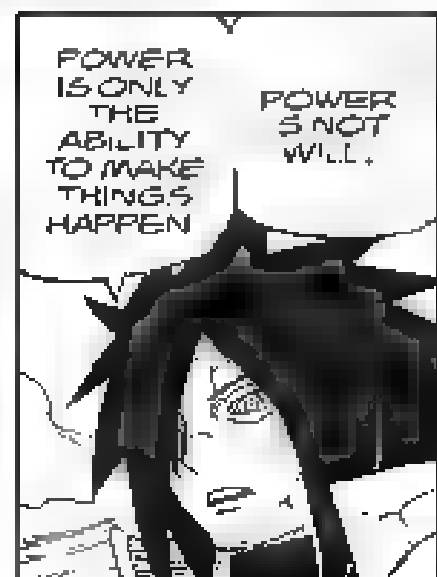
I USED THAT  
WILL TO  
DEVELOP MY  
MEDICAL  
NINJUTSU.

IT'S HOW I  
BECAME A  
MEDIC NINJA.  
IT'S HOW FOUND  
MEDICAL LAW!



YOU'RE  
WRONG!

THE WILL OF  
THE DEAD  
SHOWS ITS  
POWER IN  
THOSE THEY  
LEFT BEHIND.



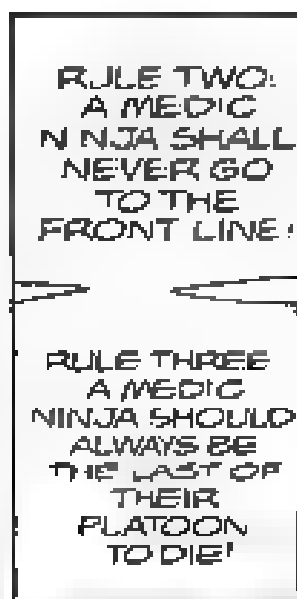
POWER  
IS ONLY  
THE  
ABILITY  
TO MAKE  
THINGS  
HAPPEN

POWER  
IS NOT  
WILL.



THIS IS  
WHAT  
TEACH MY  
STUDENTS.

BUT  
THERE IS  
ACTUALLY  
ONE MORE  
RULE



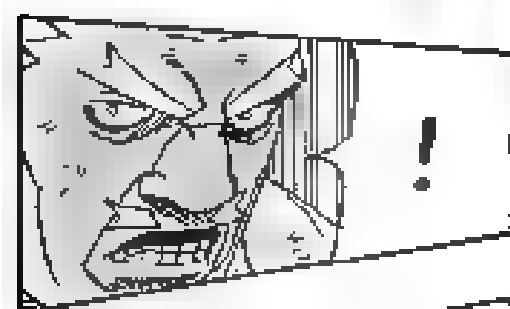
RULE TWO:  
A MEDIC  
NINJA SHALL  
NEVER GO  
TO THE  
FRONT LINE!

RULE THREE  
A MEDIC  
NINJA SHOULD  
ALWAYS BE  
THE LAST OF  
THEIR  
PLATOON  
TO DIE!



SHHE

RULE ONE A  
MEDIC NINJA WILL  
NOT STOP TRYING  
TO HEAL A  
MEMBER TILL THAT  
NINJA'S DYING  
BREATH.





IT IS A FOUR-LEGGED  
JUTSU THAT  
ONLY ANYONE  
CAN DO

I AM THE  
ONLY ONE  
WHO IS  
ABLE TO  
DO THIS



FOUR  
WASNT  
WORKING,  
SO WE'LL  
TRY FIVE!

I AM  
NOT AN  
ORDINARY  
M.D.C  
NINJA!



WE  
WANT  
TO  
BE  
THE  
BEST  
AT  
THE  
END  
OF  
THE  
DAY

CREAK  
CREAK



**FIRE STYLE!  
MAJESTIC  
DEMOLISHER  
FLAME!!**



**WATER  
STYLE!  
WATER  
PILLAR!!**



**FOLLOWED  
BY  
WATER STYLE!  
WATER DRAGON  
MISSILE!!**

WO

SWISH

SH

WO

KR

THAT  
WAS  
LATER  
BUT OF  
FAIR  
WAS

WHAK

SH

TH

OK



THAT'S  
IF I DIE

SINCE  
YOU'LL  
NOT BE  
ABLE TO  
HEAL  
THEM.

BUT IF  
YOU STEP  
IN AND  
DIE HERE,  
THEN  
ALL THE  
OTHERS  
DIE  
BECAUSE  
OF YOU.

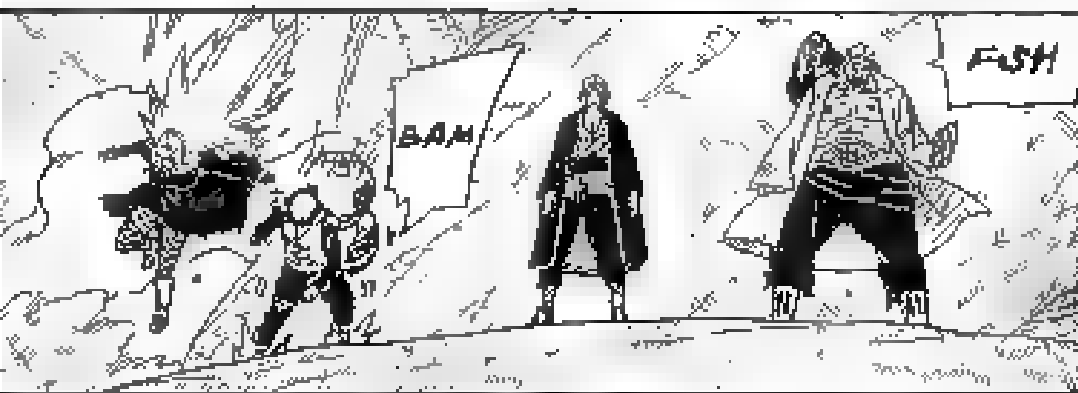
TMP



YOU SHOULD  
HAVE TAUGHT  
YOUR  
UNDERLINGS  
HOW TO  
RESURRECT  
YOU, AS I HAVE  
DONE.

HASHIRAMA...  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU  
LEFT THEM..

...BUT THIS  
THIS FALLS  
FAR SHORT  
OF YOUR  
ABILITIES.

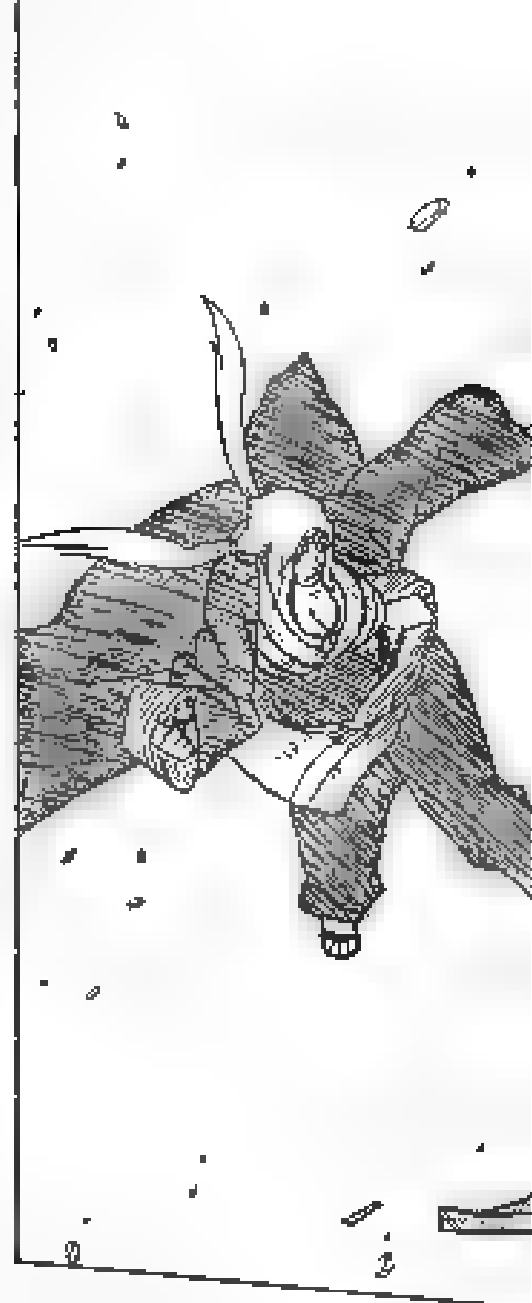


BAM

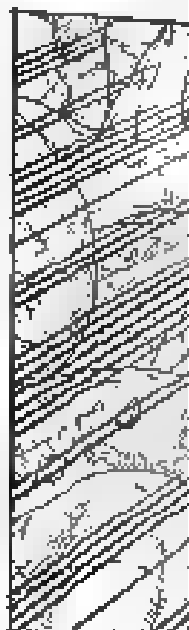
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ALL THAT'S  
REALLY LEFT  
OF YOU IS THE  
LIFE FORCE OF  
YOUR CELLS  
THAT CLING  
TO ME.



YOU...  
CERTAINLY  
AREN'T  
WEAK,  
WOMAN





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TH

OS

KRAK

KRAK





YOU'RE  
WRONG  
!!



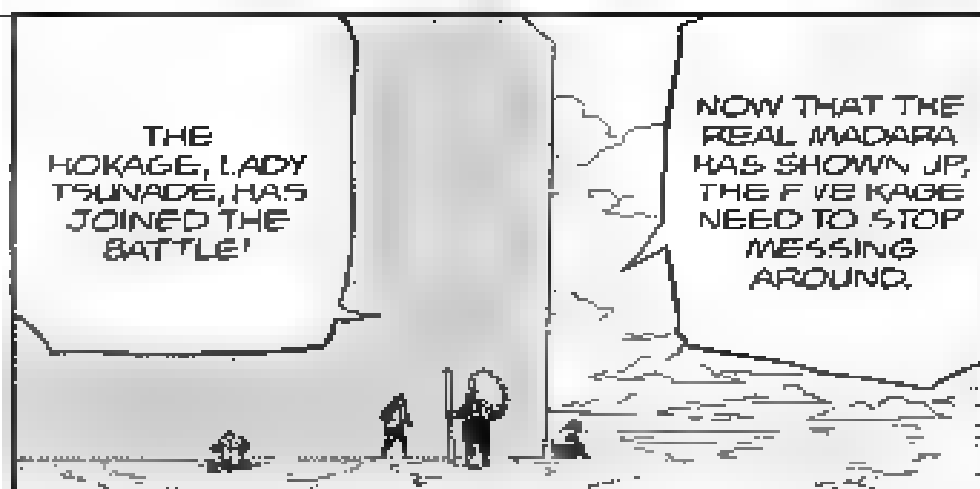
ALL THAT'S LEFT  
OF MY LITTLE  
BROTHER & THE  
OCULAR POWER  
OF HIS EYES,  
WHICH ARE  
NOW MINE



...IS  
HATE.



THE  
ONLY  
THING  
PASSED  
DOWN...

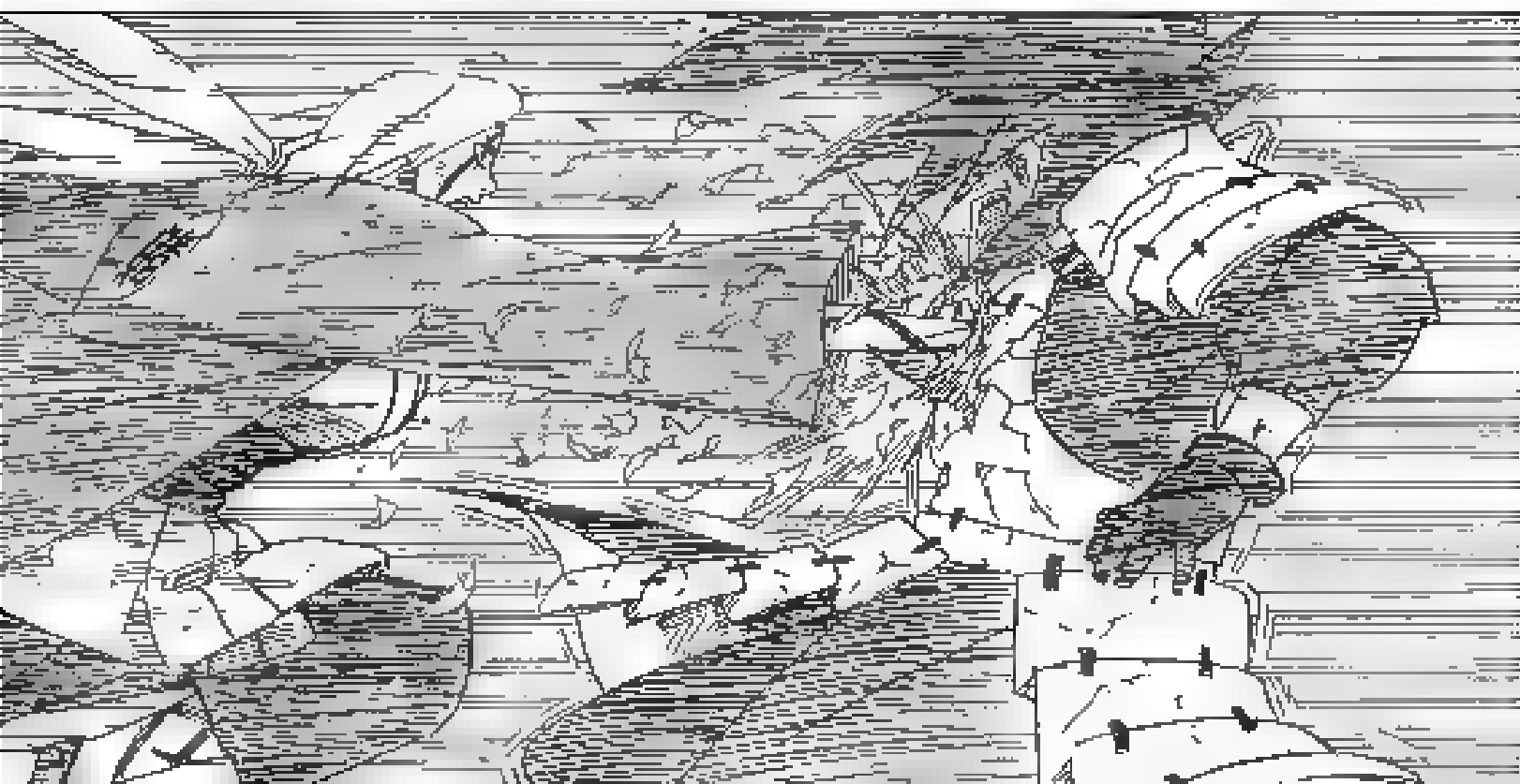
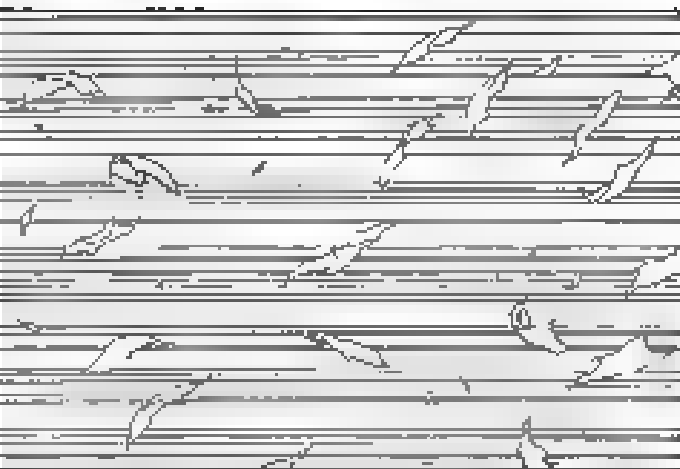
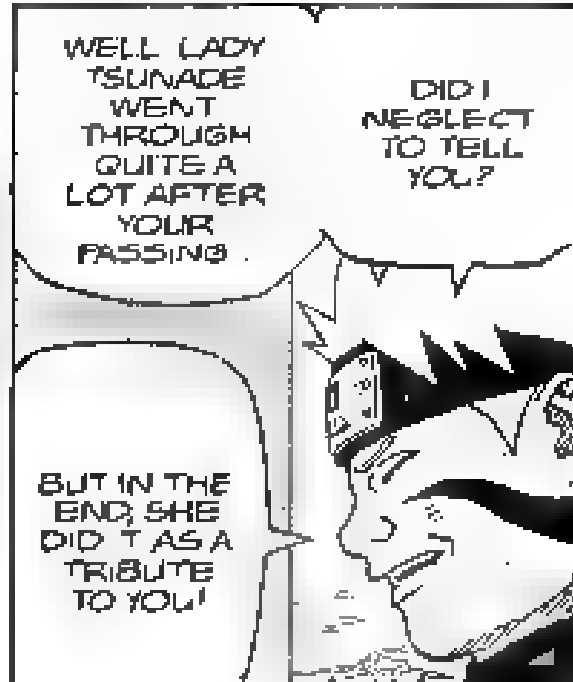
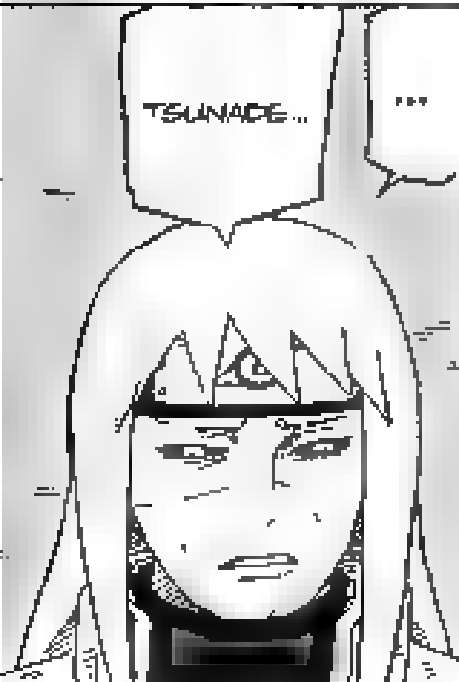


THE  
HOKAGE, LADY  
TSUNADE, HAS  
JOINED THE  
BATTLE!

NOW THAT THE  
REAL MADARA  
HAS SHOWN UP,  
THE FIVE KAGE  
NEED TO STOP  
MESSING  
AROUND.



WHAT?!  
MADARA  
WAS  
BROUGHT  
BACK WITH  
EDOTENSEI?







**VOOSH**



KAZEKAGE!  
NOW!



**WHAM**



**OVW**



SEALED  
HIM!



NICE!!

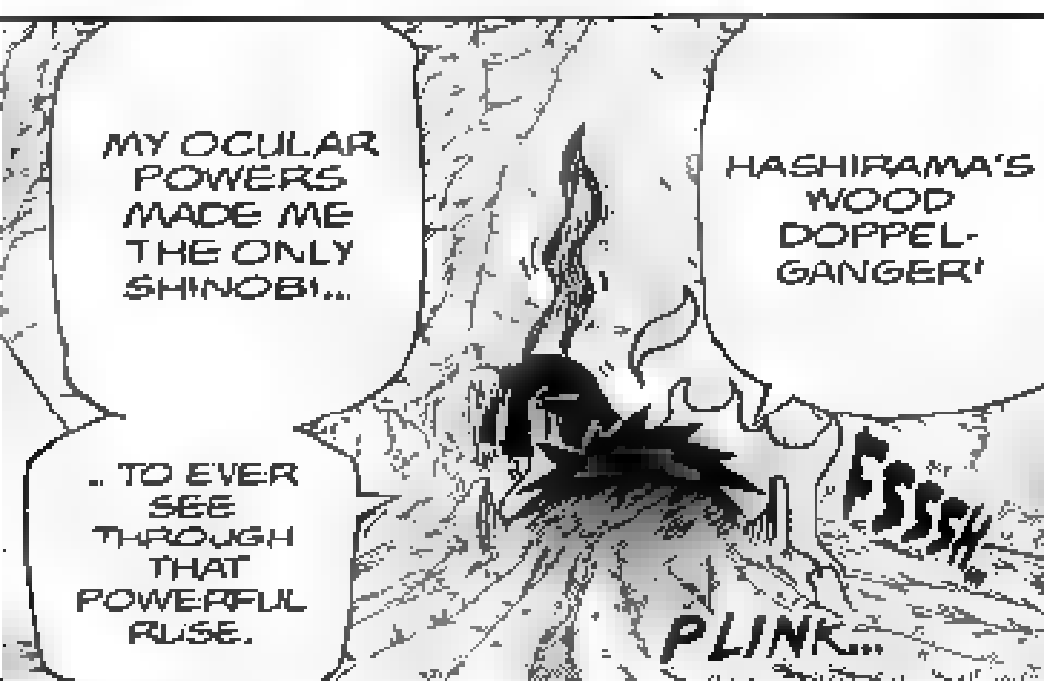
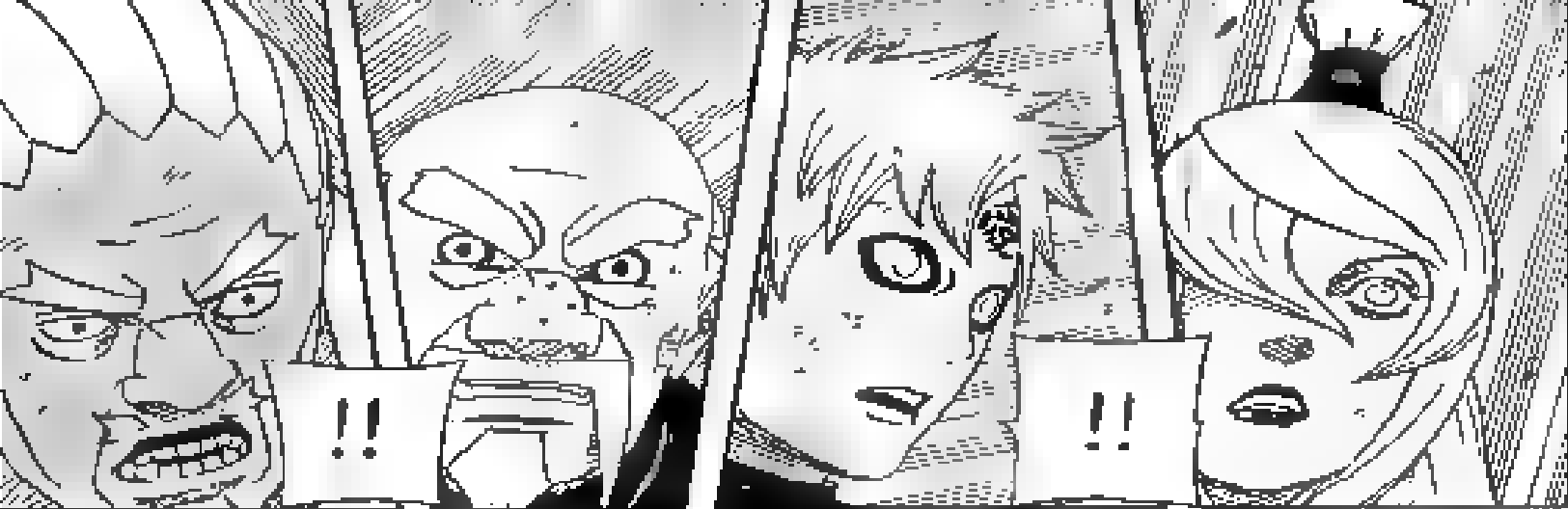


**THO**

GRAND  
SAND  
MAUSOLEUM!

**OW**

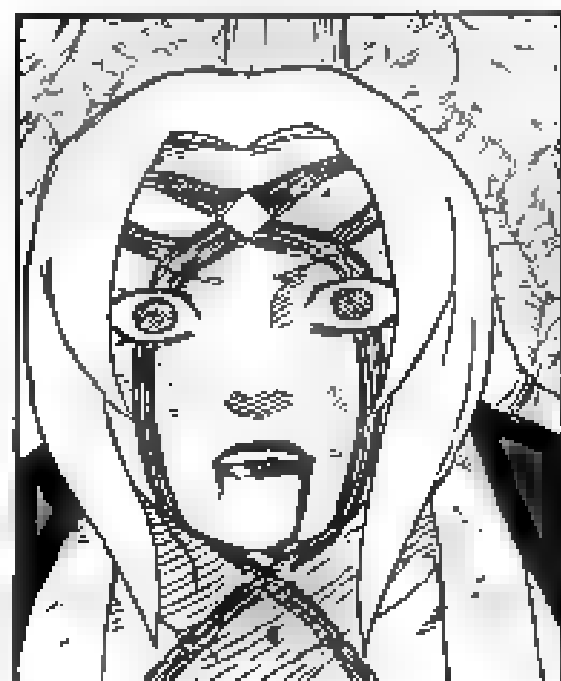




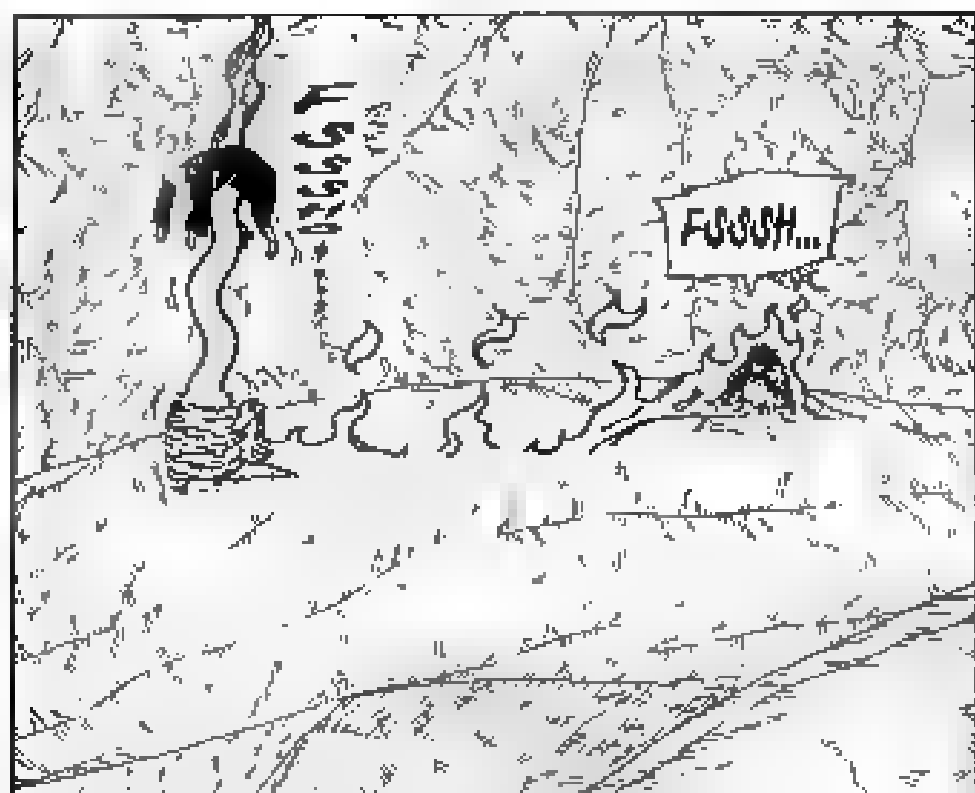
MY OCULAR  
POWERS  
MADE ME  
THE ONLY  
SHINOBI...

HASHIRAMA'S  
WOOD  
DOPPEL-  
GANGER!

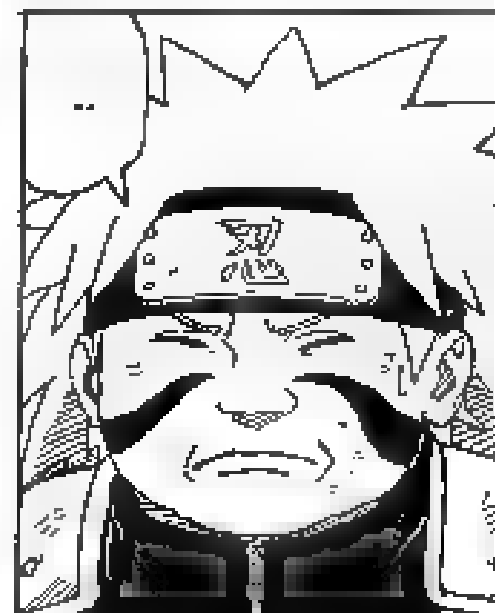
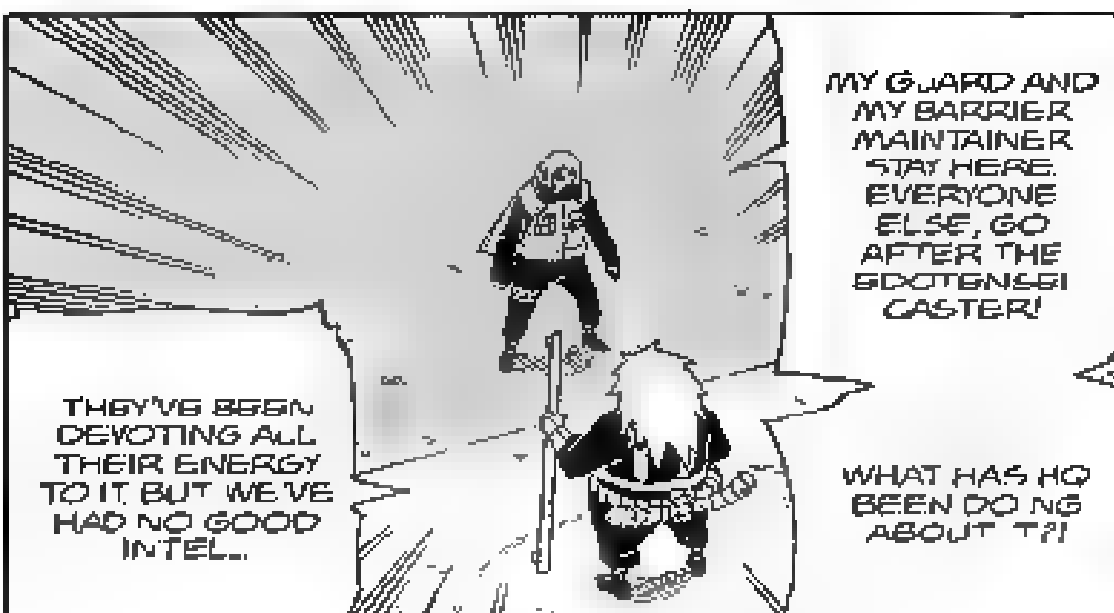
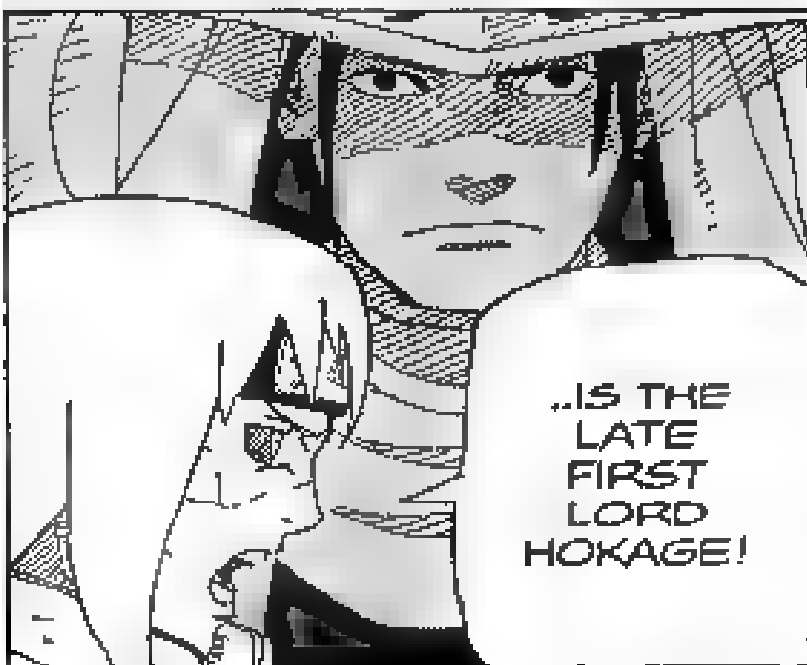
.. TO EVER  
SEE  
THROUGH  
THAT  
POWERFUL  
FLISE.

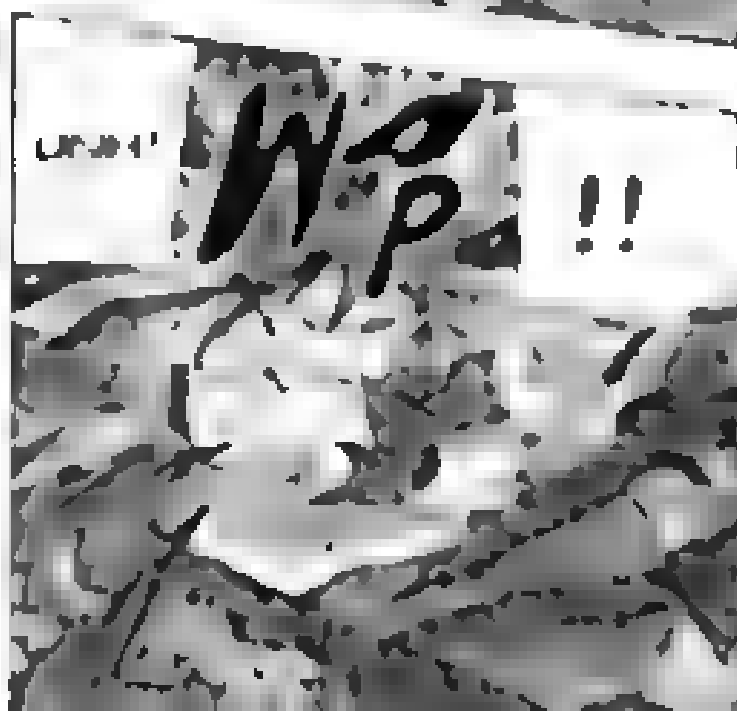
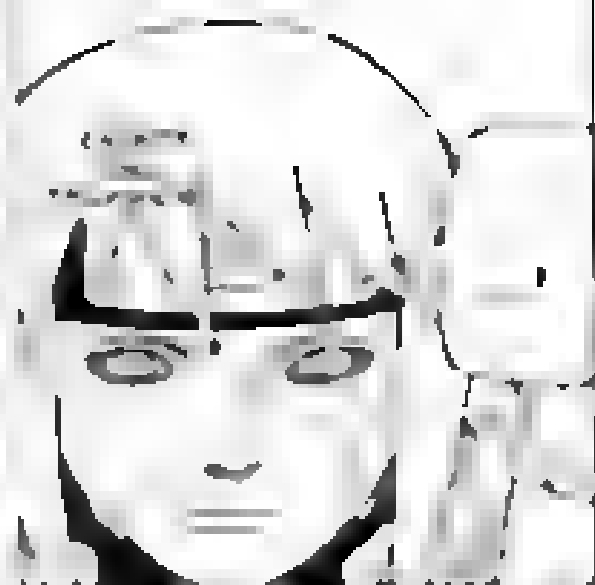
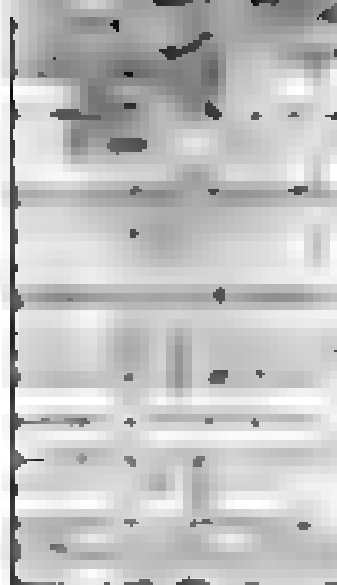


NOW..  
FOR THE  
REST OF  
YOU KAGE!



FSSSH...









DIDN'T  
THINK  
ANYONE  
WOULD BE  
CAPABLE OF  
DEFYING THE  
JUTSU AS  
YOU HAVE.

THANKS  
FOR  
THE  
T.P.



THAT'S  
ANOTHER  
RISK OF THIS  
JUTSU.  
THOUGH YOU  
WON'T  
SURVIVE TO  
REMEMBER  
THAT FOR  
NEXT TIME

WHILE YOU WERE  
CONTROLLING ME,  
I WAS ABLE TO  
CLEARLY PINPOINT  
WHERE YOUR  
CHAKRA WAS  
COMING FROM.



I'M  
IMPRESSED  
YOU WERE  
ABLE TO PASS  
THROUGH MY  
BARRIER.  
...AND  
FIND THIS  
PLACE.



YOU  
CANNOT  
KILL ME

IF I DIE,  
YOU'LL NEVER  
BE ABLE TO  
STOP THE  
JUTSU.

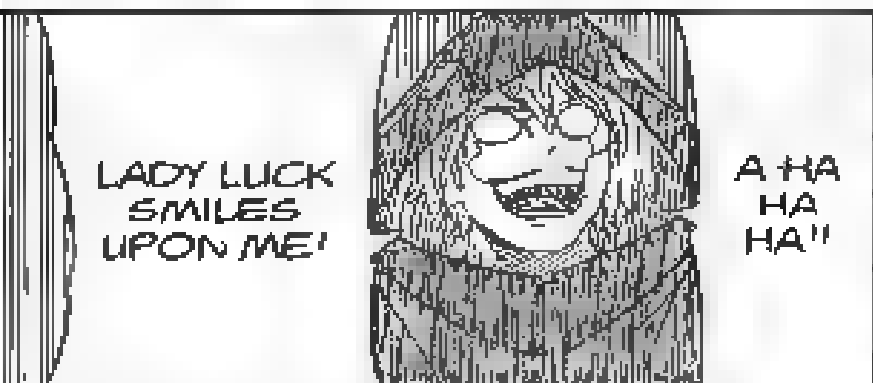


THIS  
EDOTENSEI  
JUTSU WILL  
NOT COME  
UNDONE EVEN  
IF YOU KILL ME.

BUT AM  
THE ONLY  
ONE WHO  
CAN STOP  
IT.

?

WELL, IF  
WE'RE ON THE  
SUBJECT  
THERE'S ALSO  
SOMETHING I'D  
LIKE YOU TO  
KNOW.



LADY LUCK  
SMILES  
UPON ME!

A HA  
HA  
HA"



HEH  
HEH  
HEH



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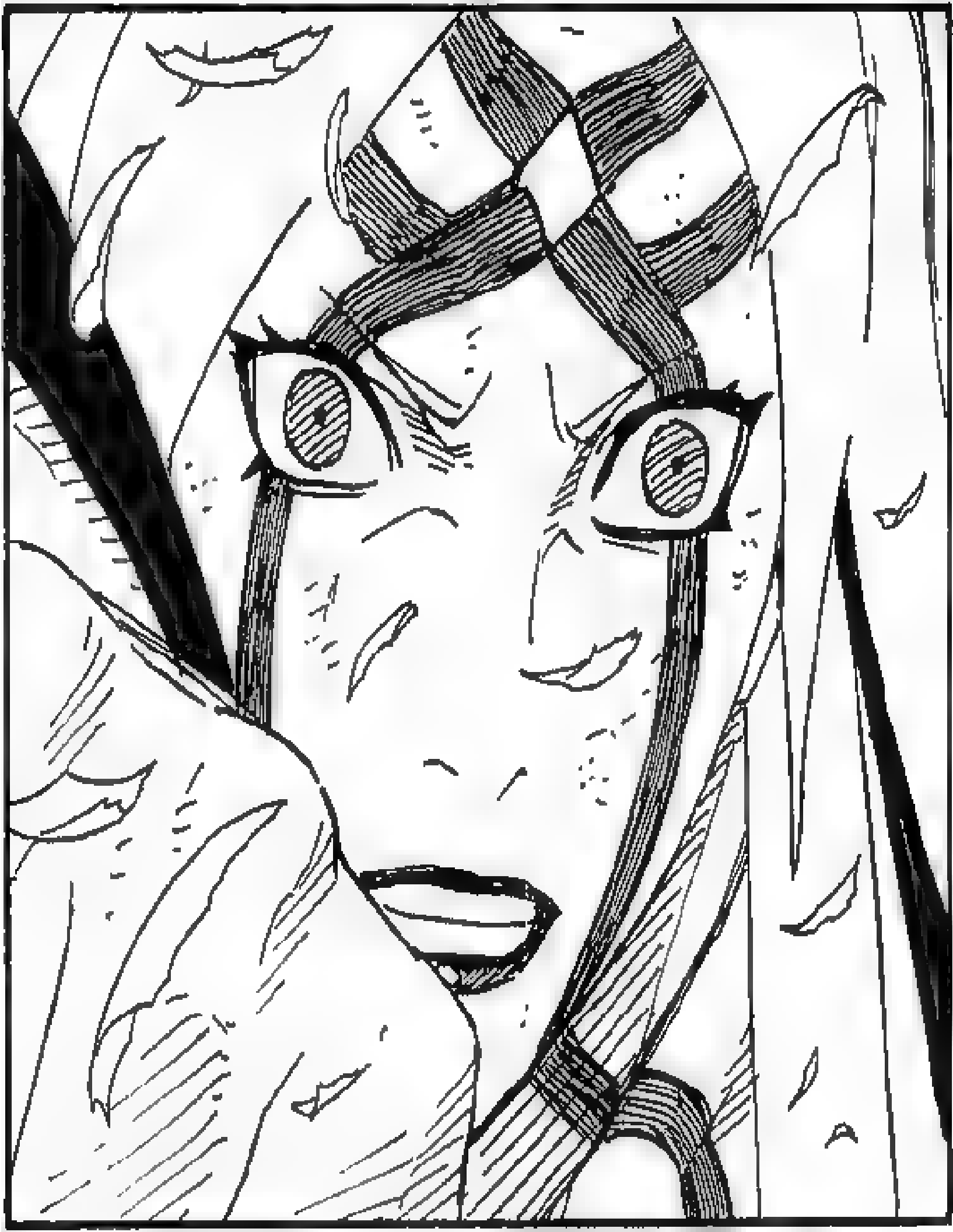


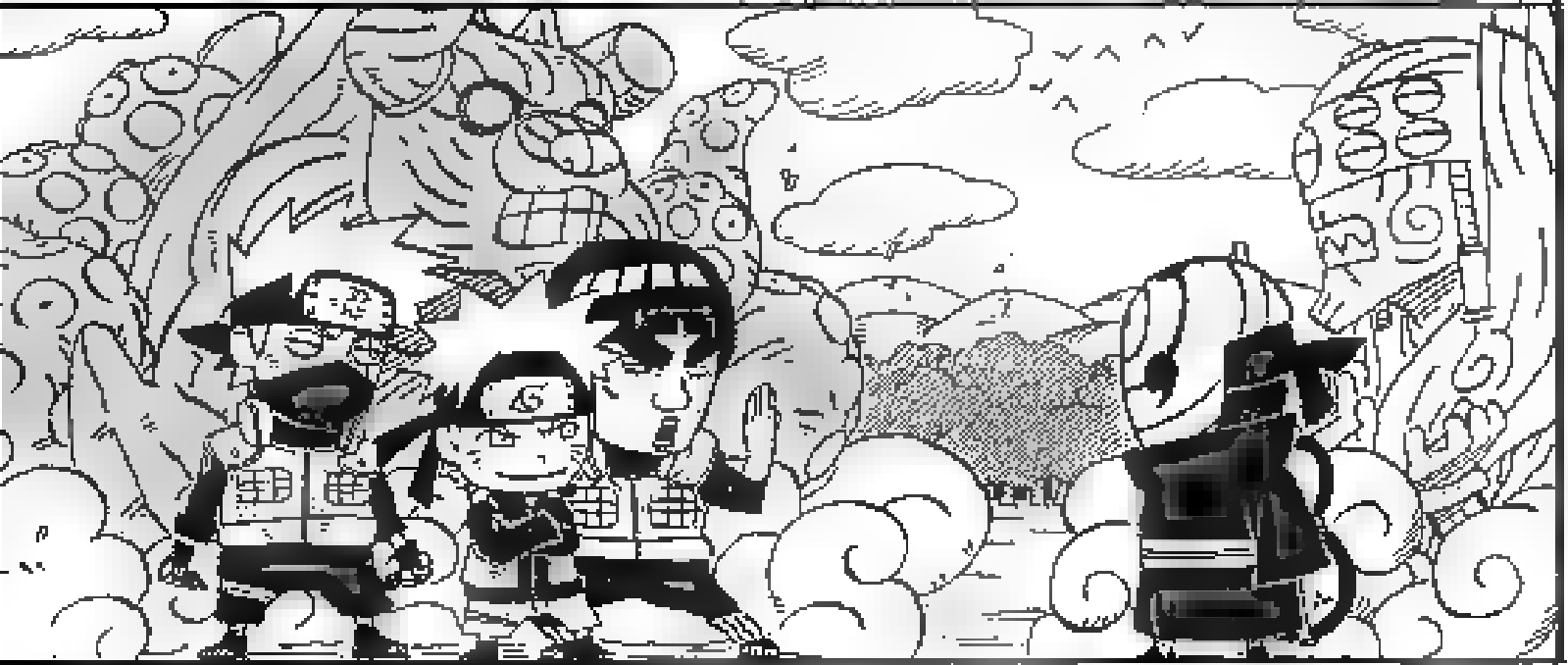
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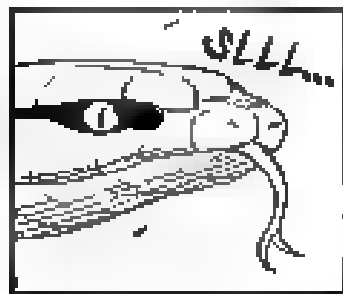
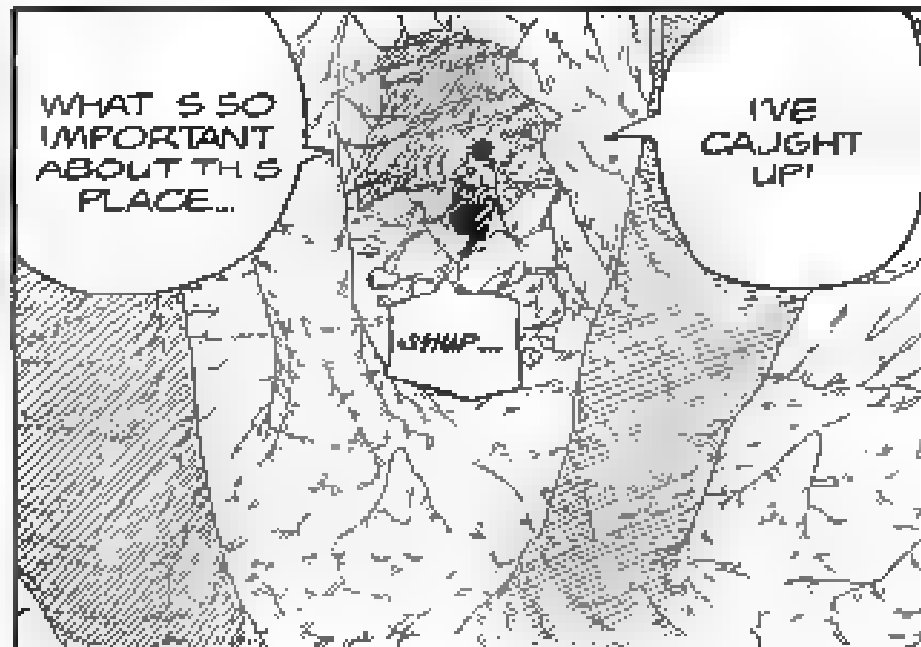
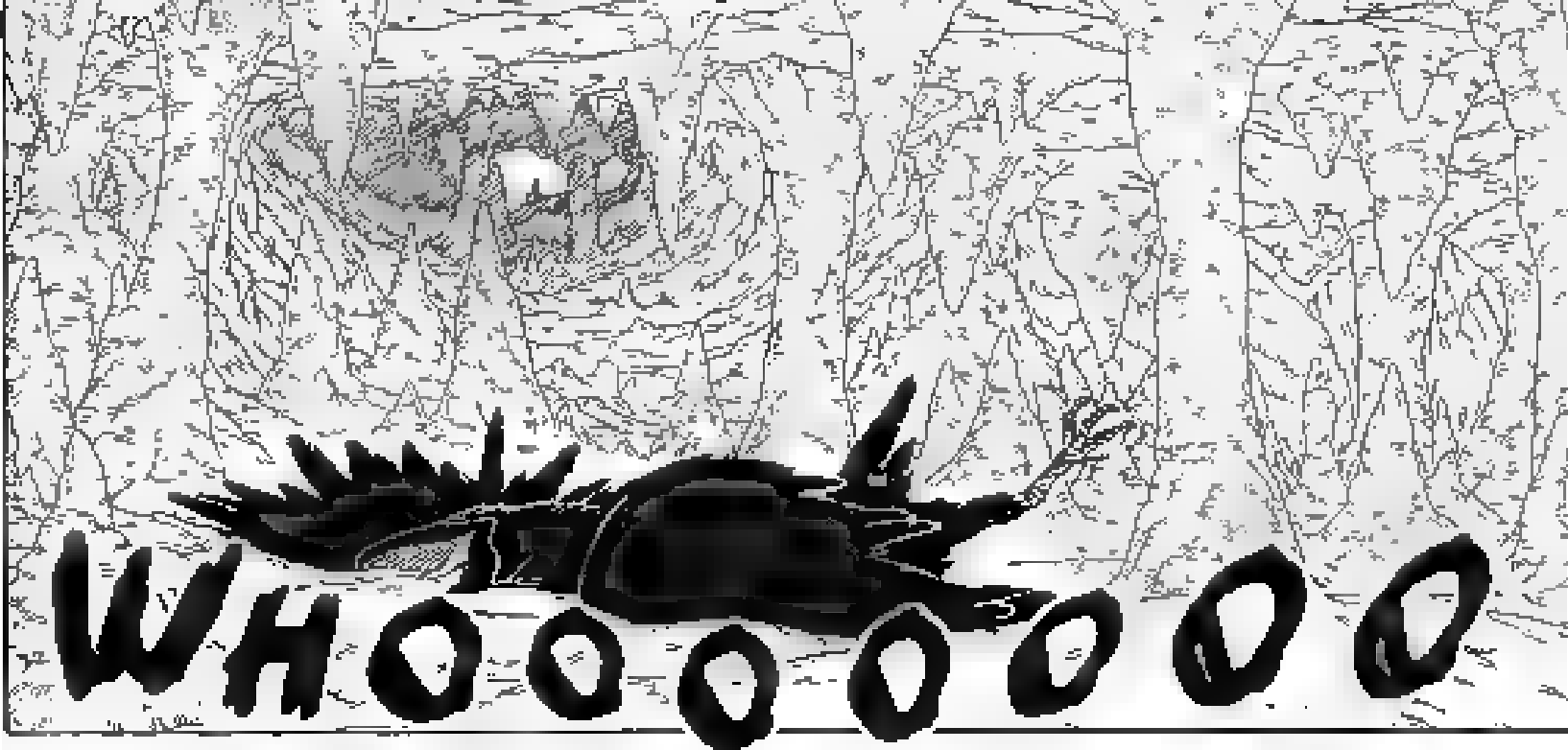
THINGS  
ARE NOT  
ALWAYS AS  
WE WISH  
THEM TO  
BE.

...

FSH









I AM SO LUCKY

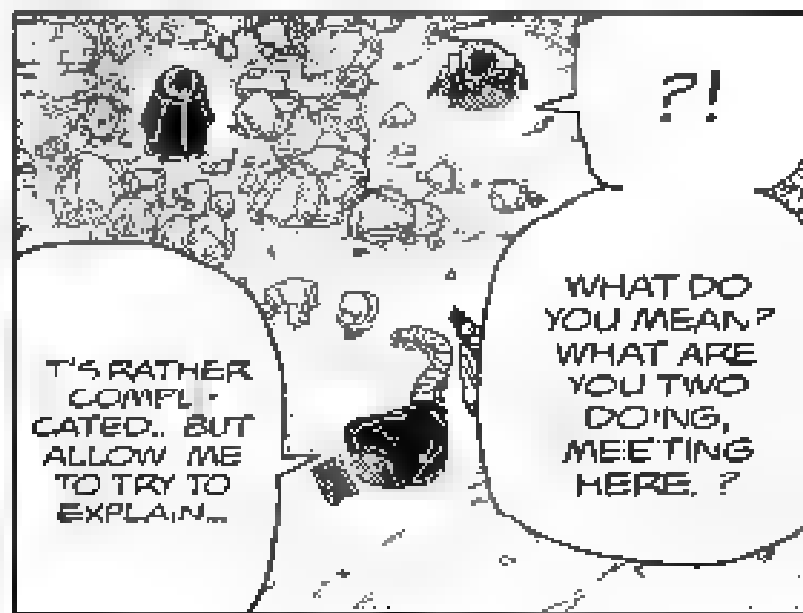
THAT MY COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS WAR WOULD SHOW UP, ON HIS OWN, AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT..

KABUTO!



GO AHEAD.. I'LL MAKE YOU STOP THE EDOOTENSEI WHILE YOU DO..

THIS JUTSU HAS NO WEAKNESSES.. NOR ANY RISKS..



?!

IT'S RATHER COMPLICATED.. BUT ALLOW ME TO TRY TO EXPLAIN..

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING, MEETING HERE. ?



NOW THEN, WHO SHALL I TAKE OUT NEXT?

SHUP



CON-VERSELY

IF YOU RUSH, YOU MAY NOT SUCCEED EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE



EVEN IF YOU DO MAKE A MOVE, DOUBT SASUKE WILL JUST QUIETLY STAND BACK AND WATCH..

I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT, ITACHI.. AND BESIDES..



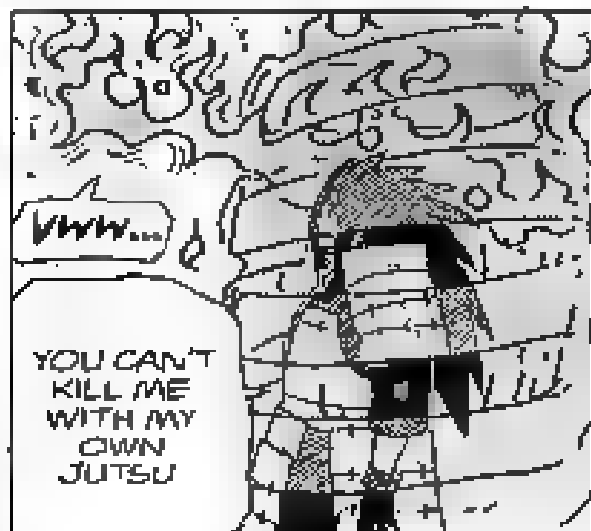
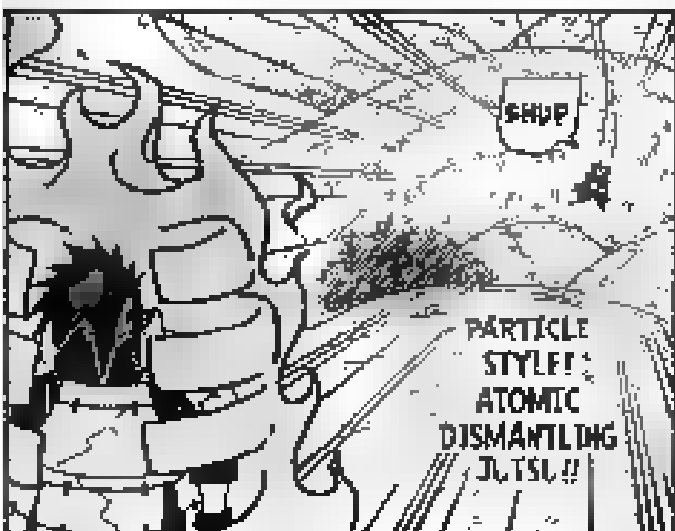
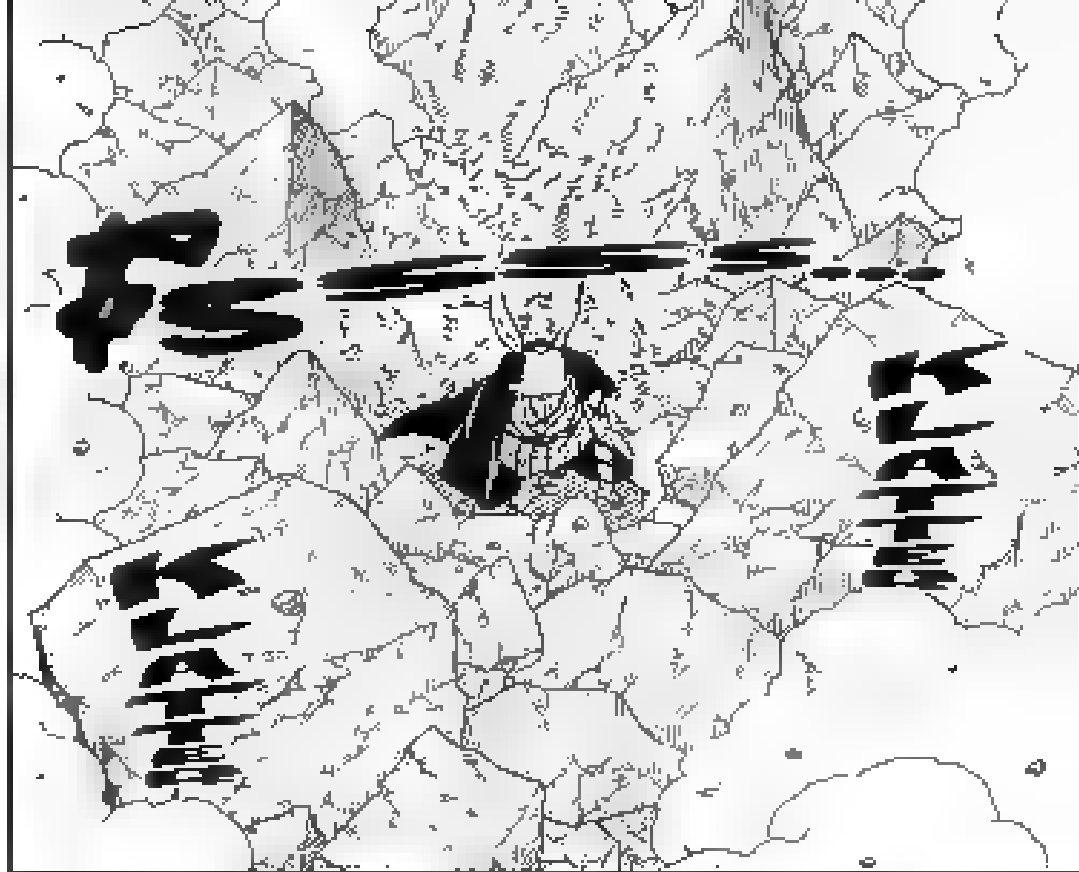
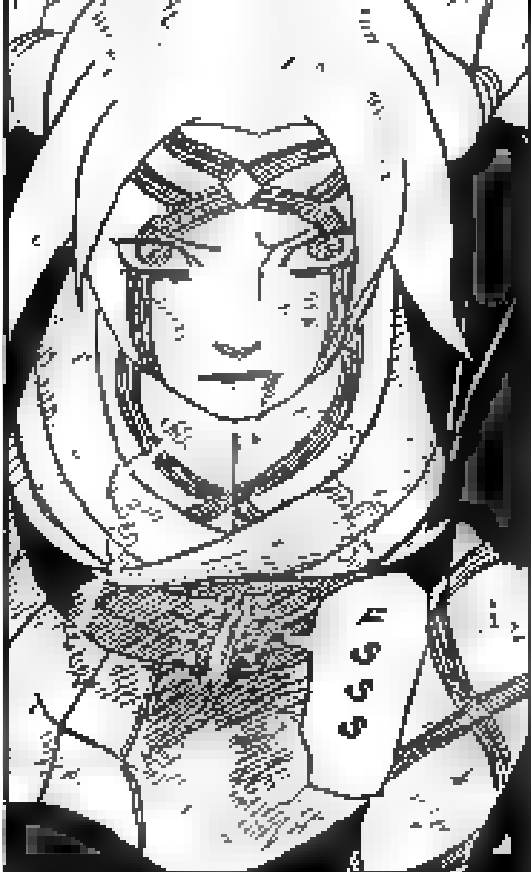
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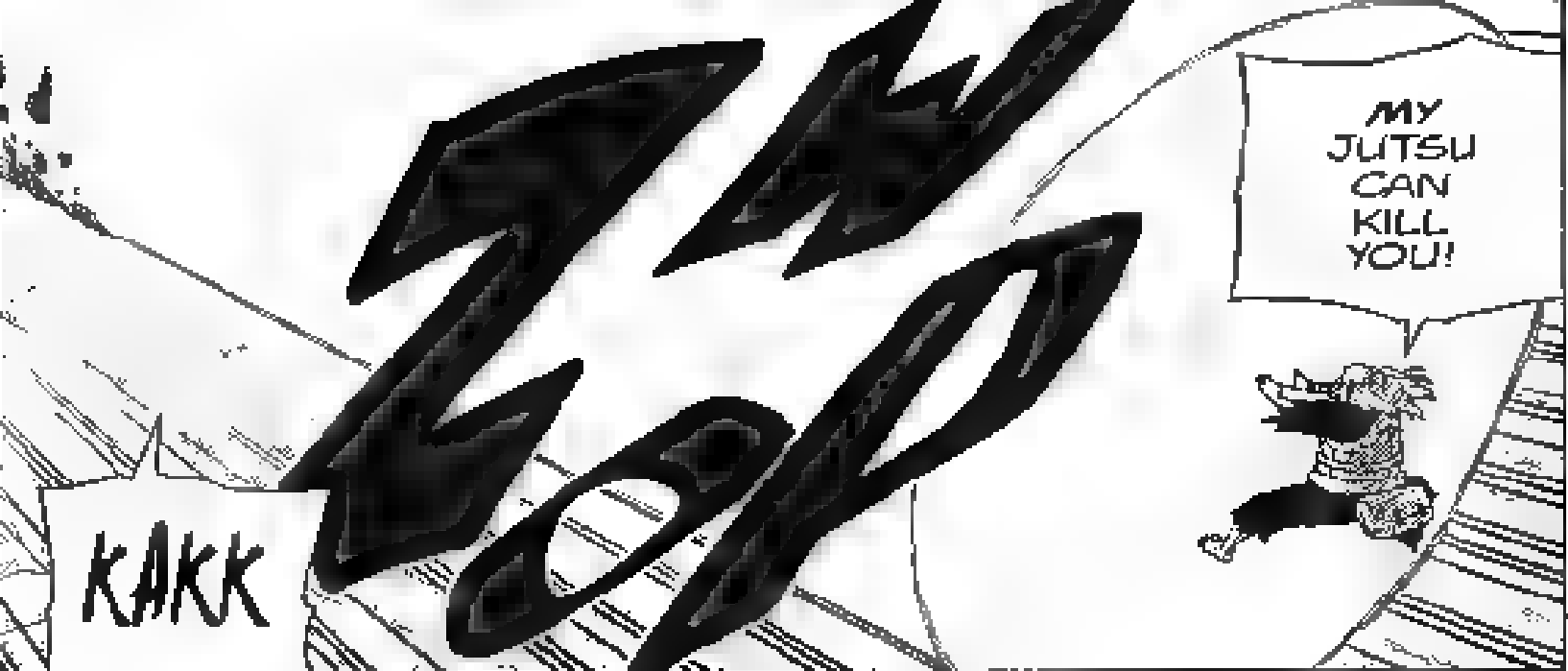
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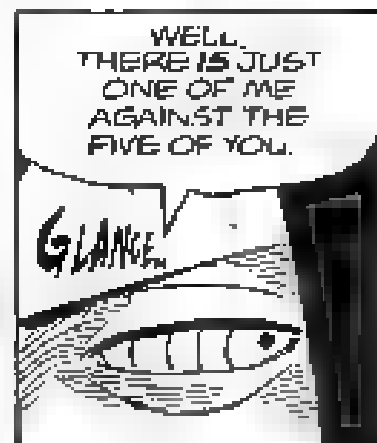
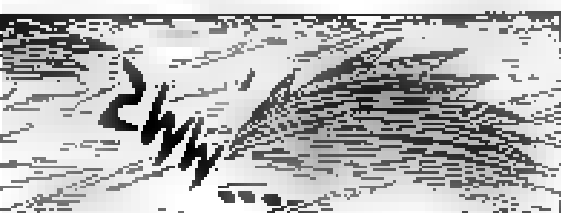






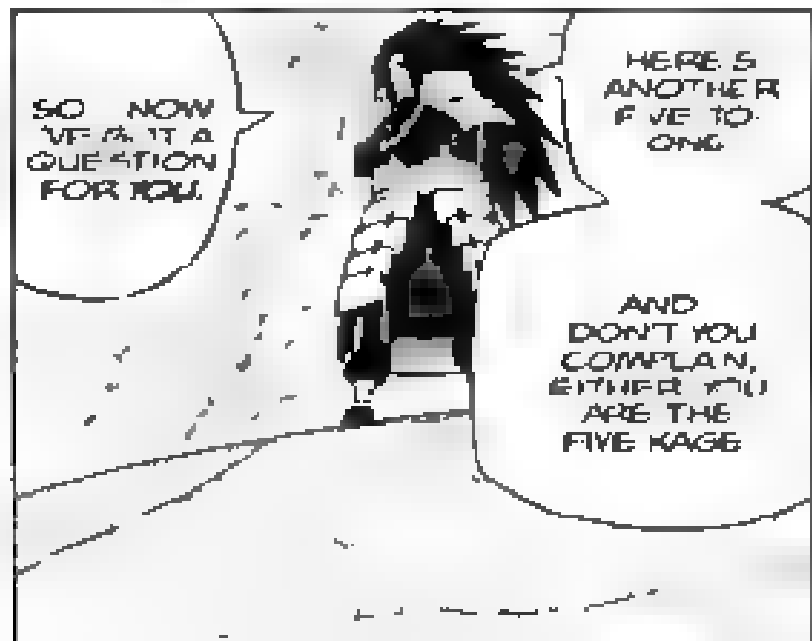












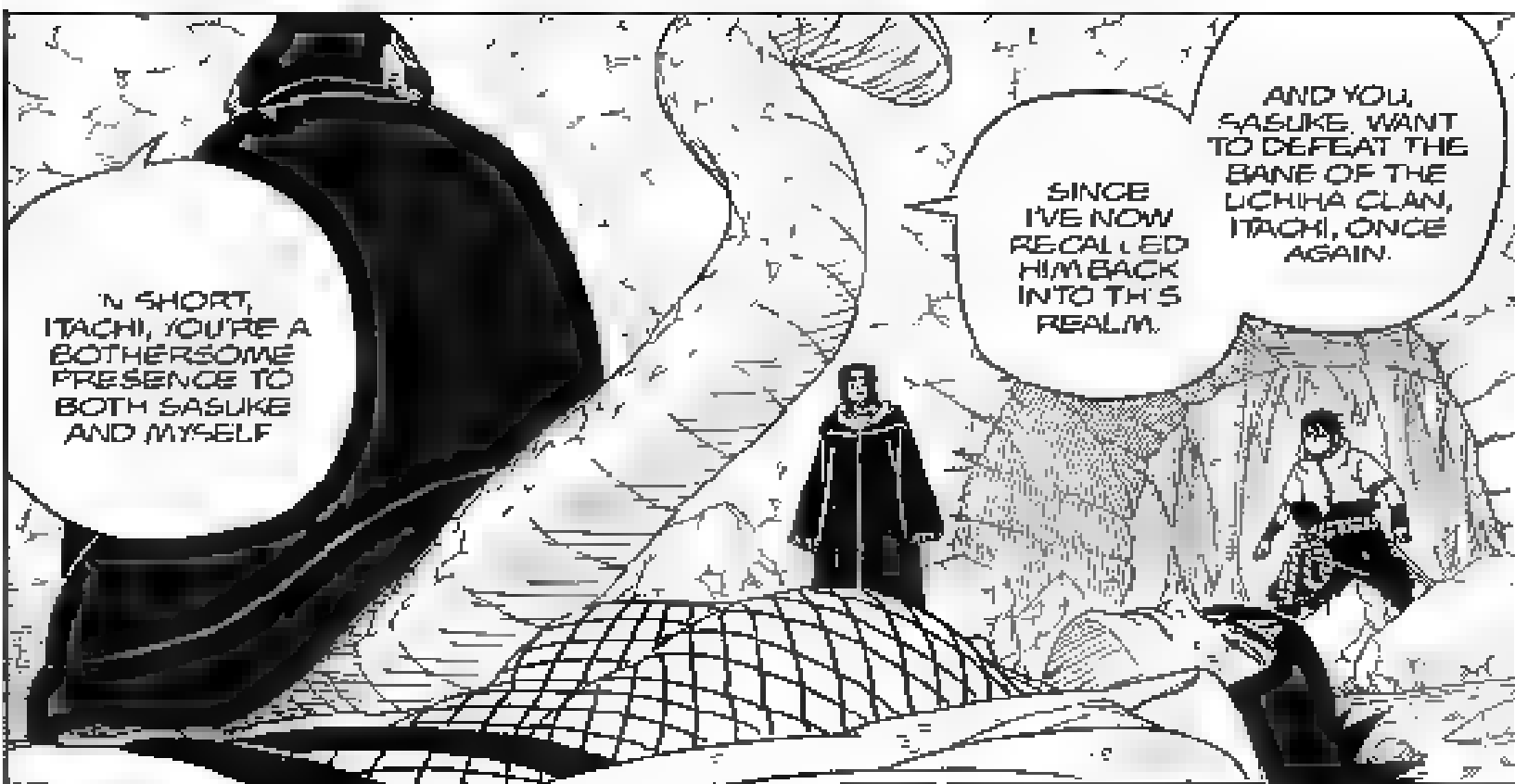


...SO  
THAT'S  
THE TALE  
OF THE  
WAR.



...OR  
NOT?  
YOUR  
CHOICE.

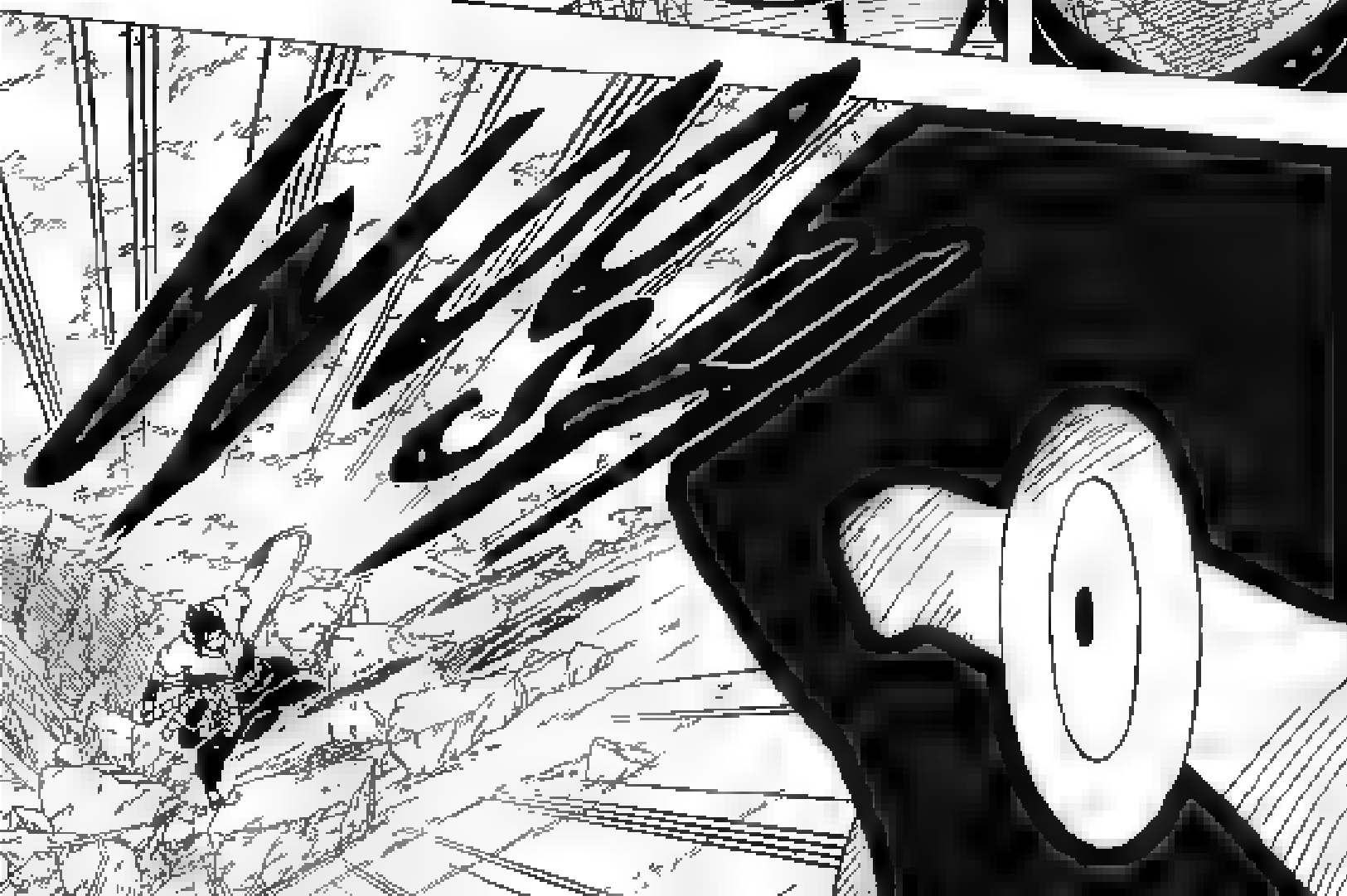
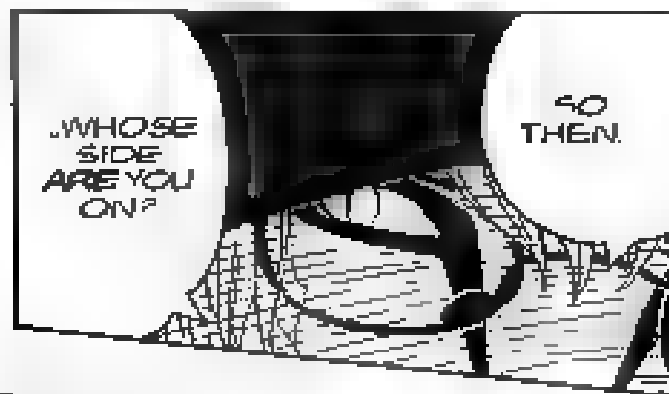
WOULD  
YOU LIKE THESE  
DOPPELGANGERS  
TO USE  
SUSANO'O...



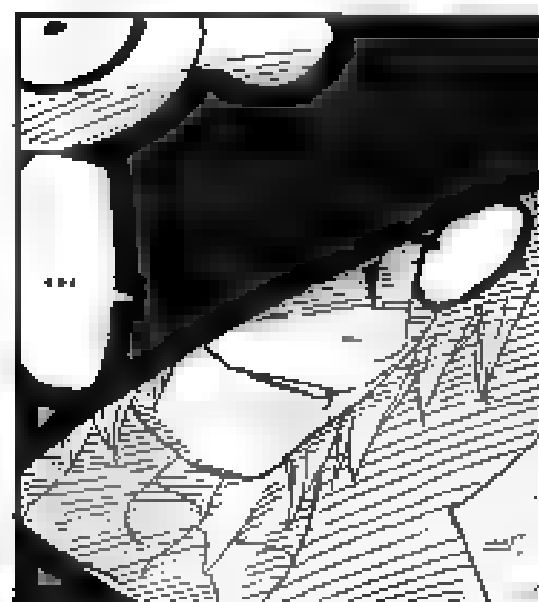
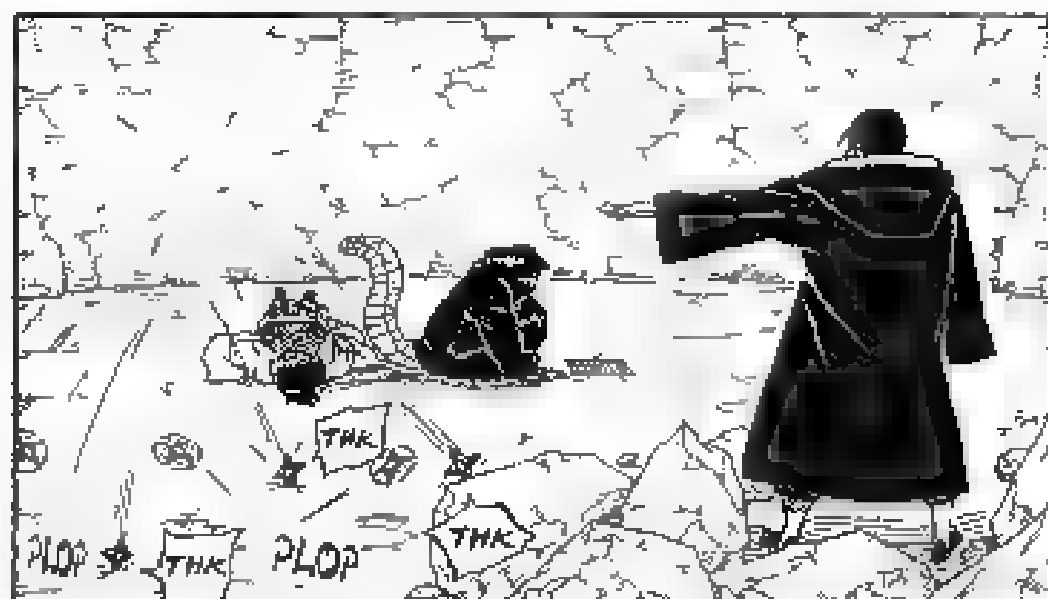
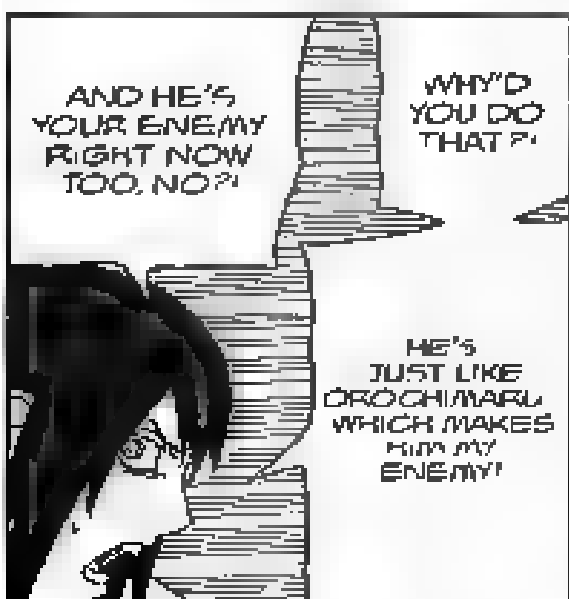
IN SHORT,  
ITACHI, YOU'RE A  
BOTHERSOME  
PRESENCE TO  
BOTH SASUKE  
AND MYSELF


SINCE  
I'VE NOW  
RECALLED  
HIM BACK  
INTO TH'S  
REALM.

AND YOU,  
SASUKE, WANT  
TO DEFEAT THE  
BANE OF THE  
UCHIHA CLAN,  
ITACHI, ONCE  
AGAIN.









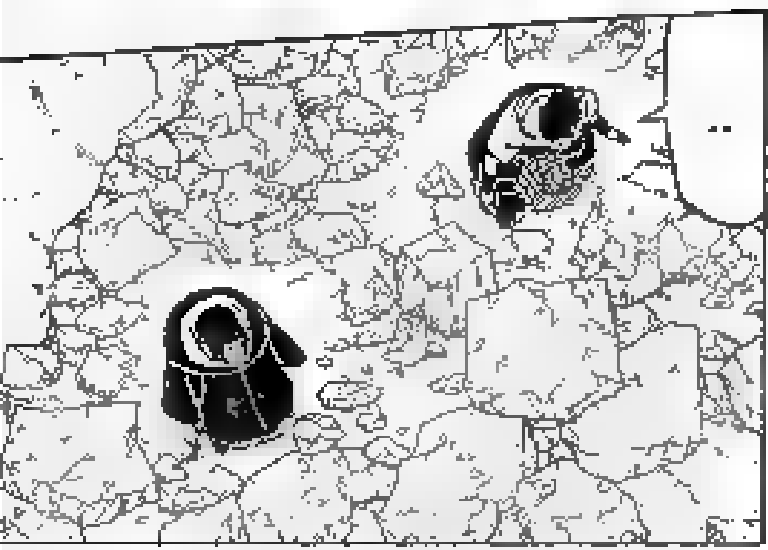
SO WE'LL  
START BY  
CASTING  
TSUKUYOMI  
UPON HIM AND  
FIND OUT HOW  
TO STOP THE  
JUTSU.

IF YOU KILL AN  
EDOTENSE  
CASTER, THE  
JUTSU CAN  
NEVER BE  
UNDONE



?!


SHUP



AND THEN I'LL  
MANIPULATE  
HIM INTO  
UNDOING THE  
JUTSU WHILE  
KEEPING HIM  
IN THE  
NIGHTMARE  
REALM!




...?



THIS JUTSU'S  
WEAKNESS  
AND RISK

EVERY  
JUTSU HAS A  
WEAK POINT.



I'LL HOPEFULLY  
GO AS SMOOTHLY  
AS YOU SAY, BUT  
TOLD YOU, THIS  
JUTSU HAS  
NEITHER ANY  
WEAKNESSES  
NOR ANY RISKS

THANKS  
FOR THE  
CLEAR  
PLAY-BY-  
PLAY...





PLAN TO  
HONOR T.

THEY SAY YOU  
TAKE YOUR  
PERSONALITY  
WITH YOU TO  
THE GRAVE.  
THEN AGAIN,  
I'VE ALREADY  
DIED ONCE..

I'M  
HOLDING  
YOU TO  
YOUR  
PROMISE!

SHUP..

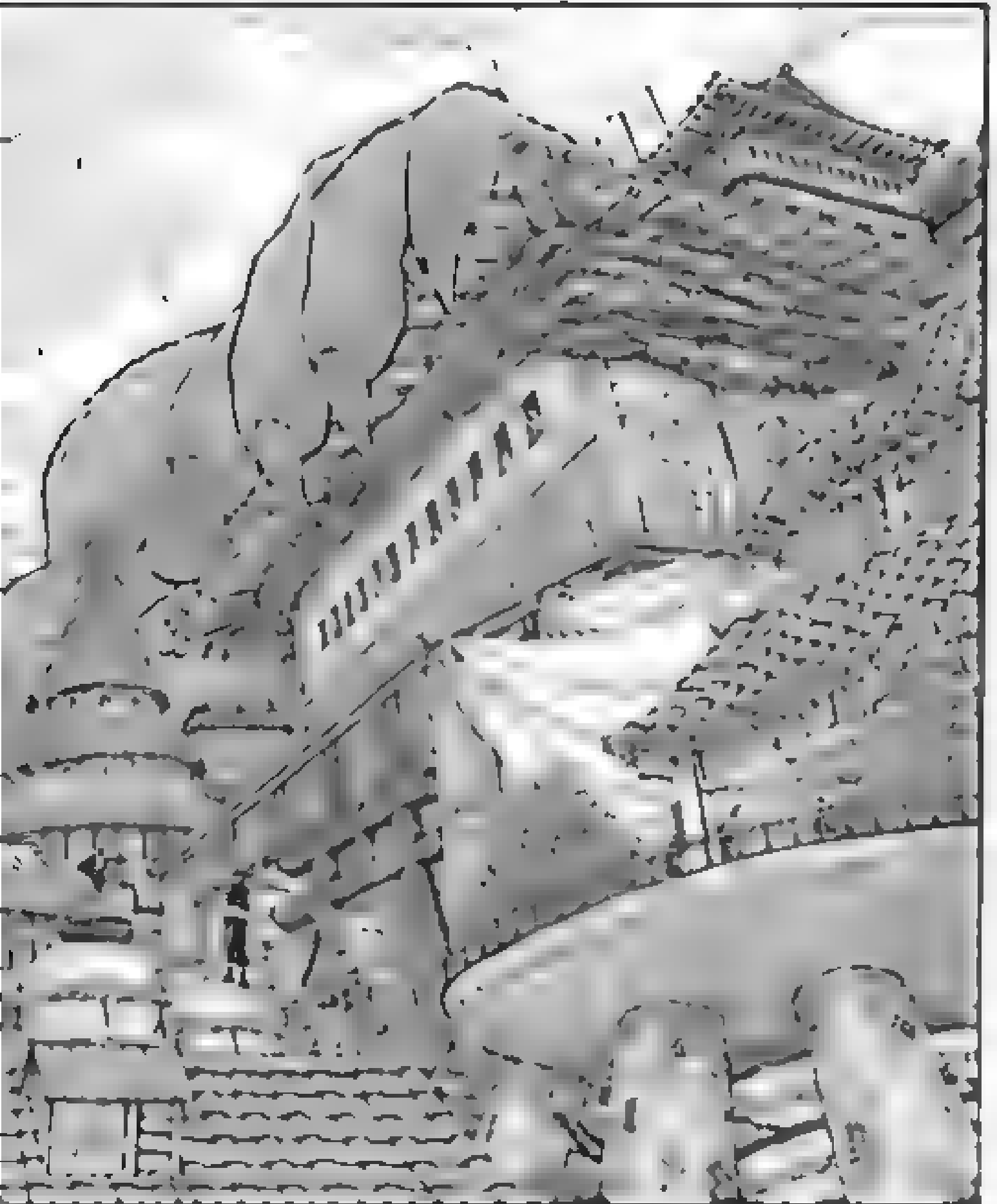


WHO  
WOULDA  
THOUGHT.

THE  
ESTRANGED  
BROTHERS  
COME  
TOGETHER  
AT LAST..  
TO GANG UP  
ON ME!



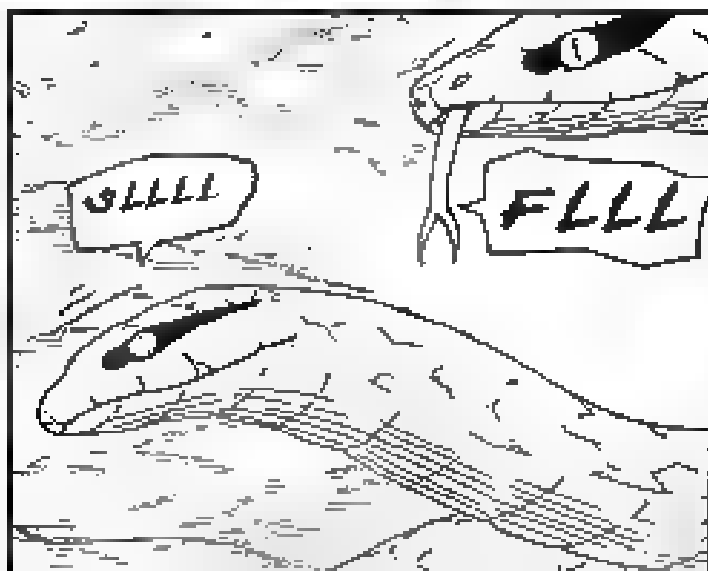
**Number 579: Uchiha Brothers United Front!!**



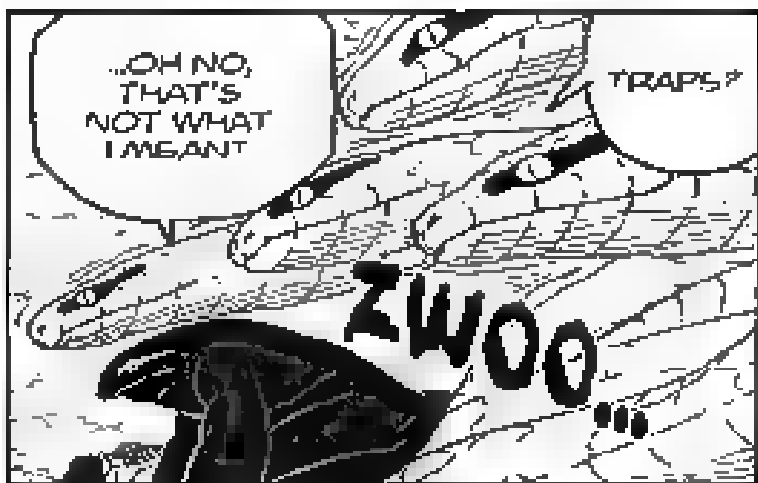
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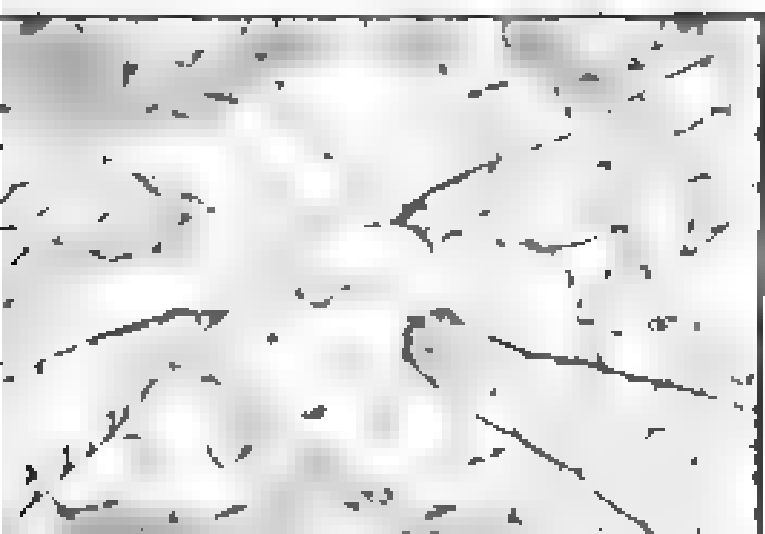
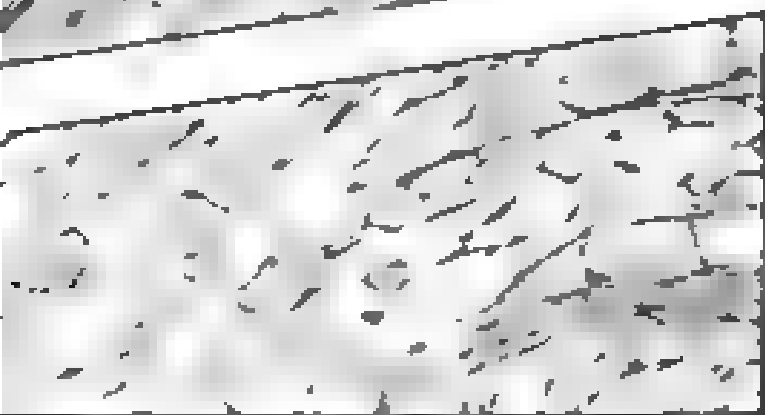
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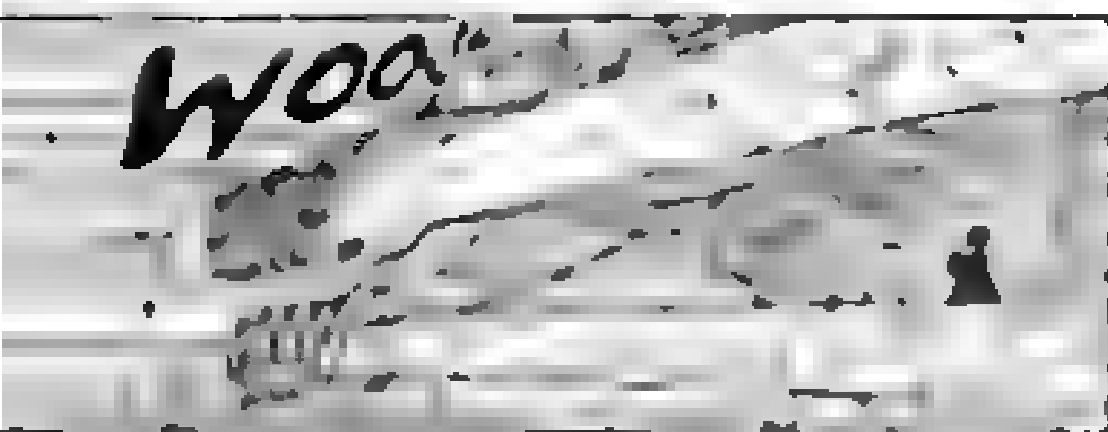
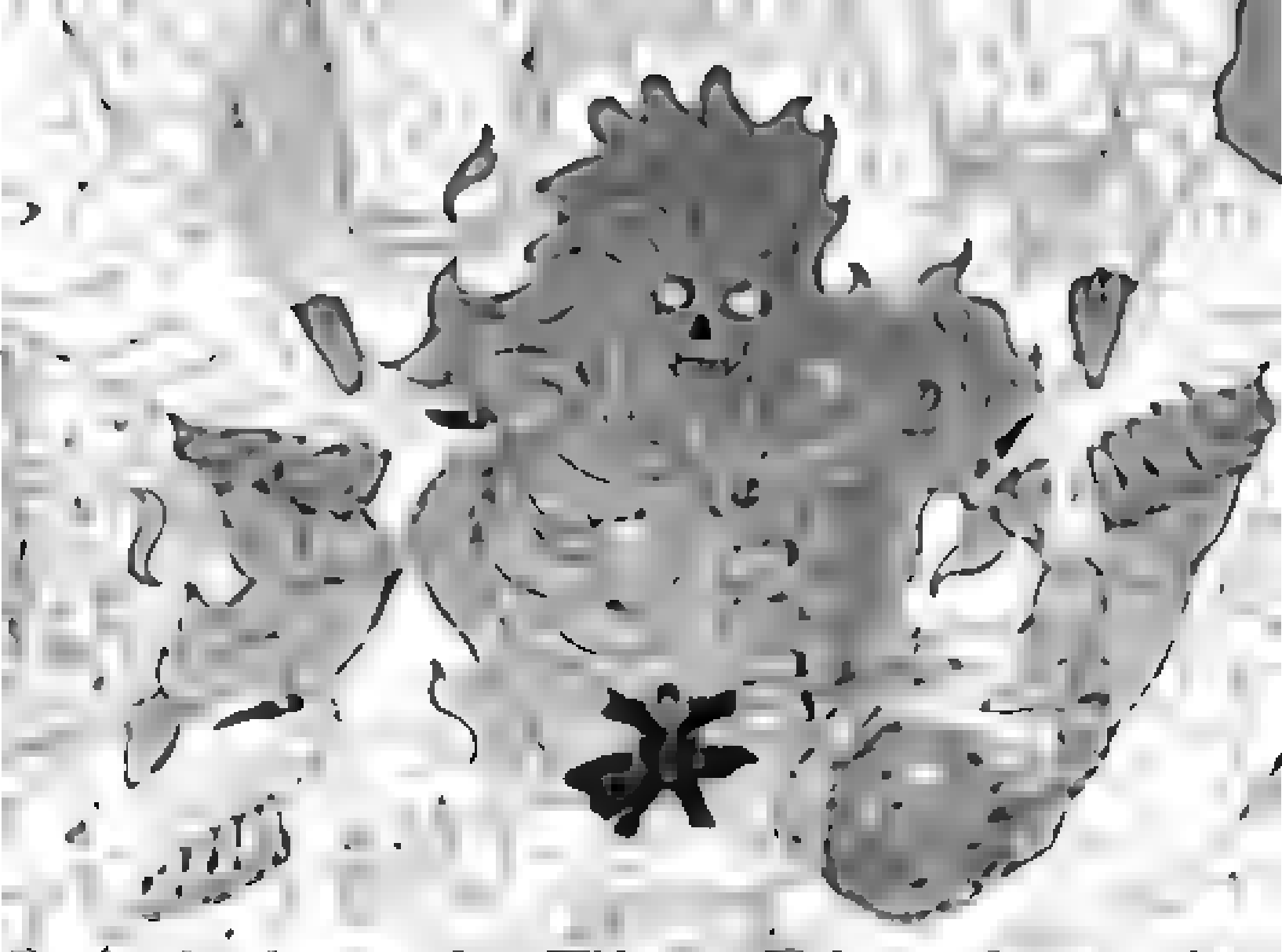


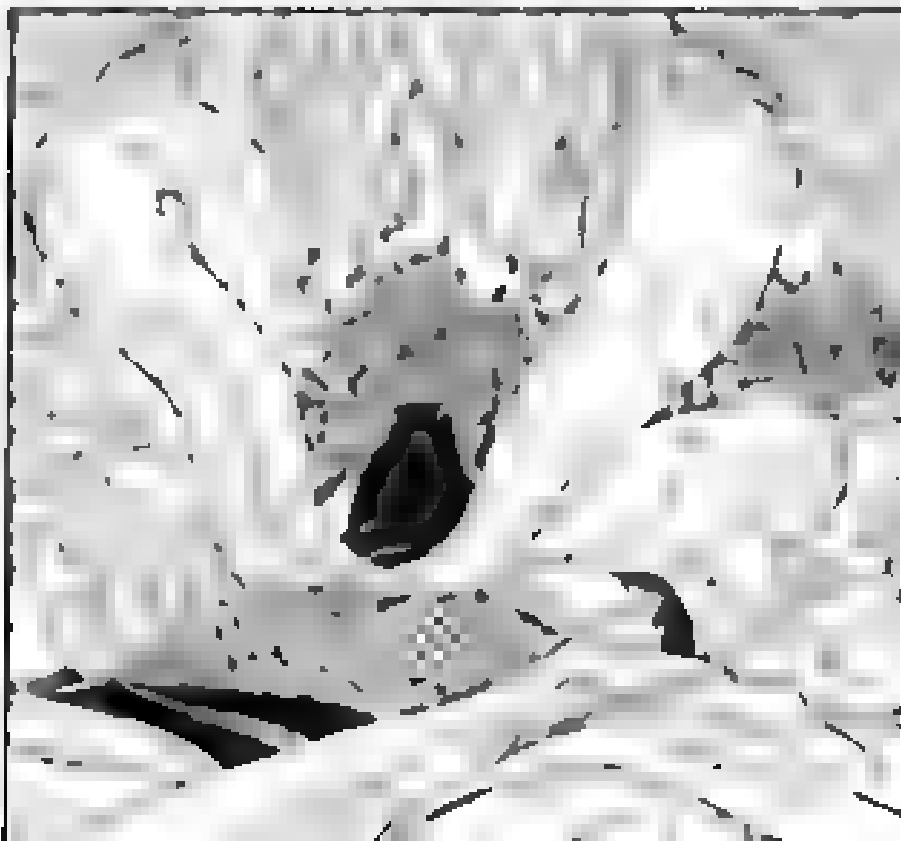


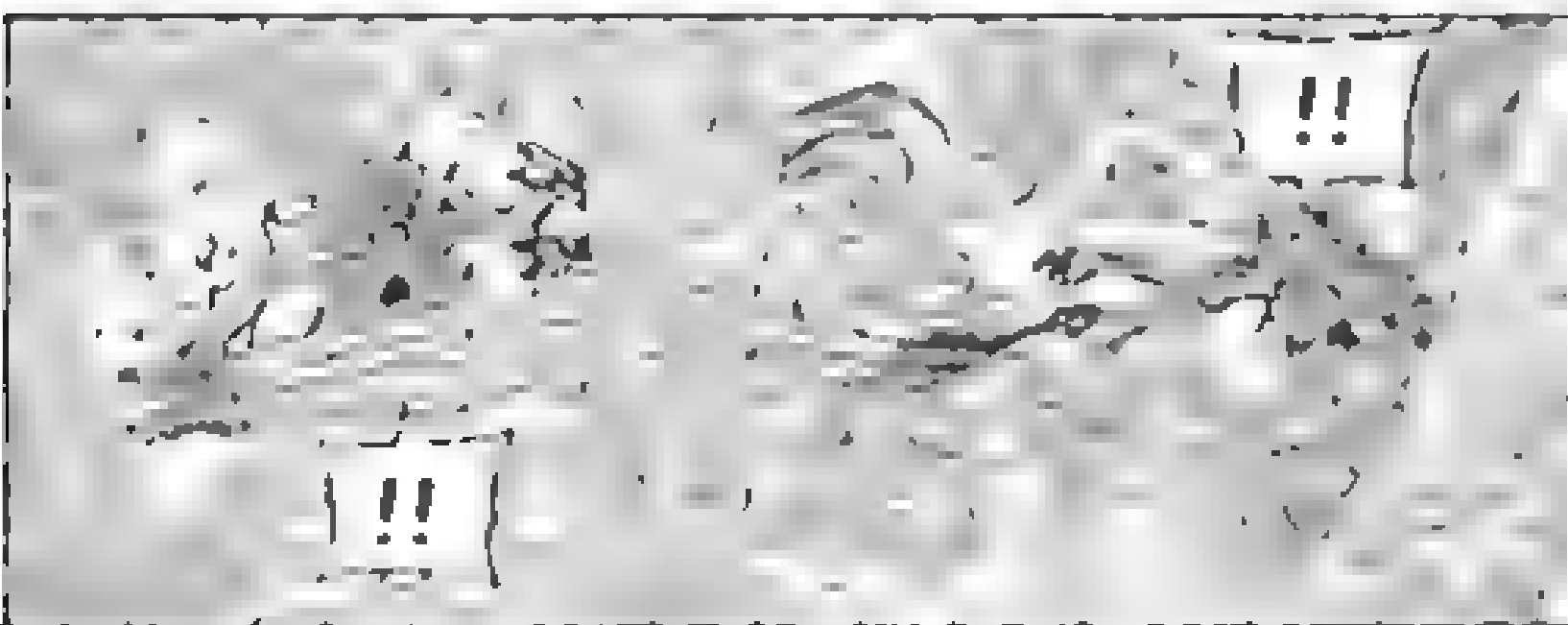


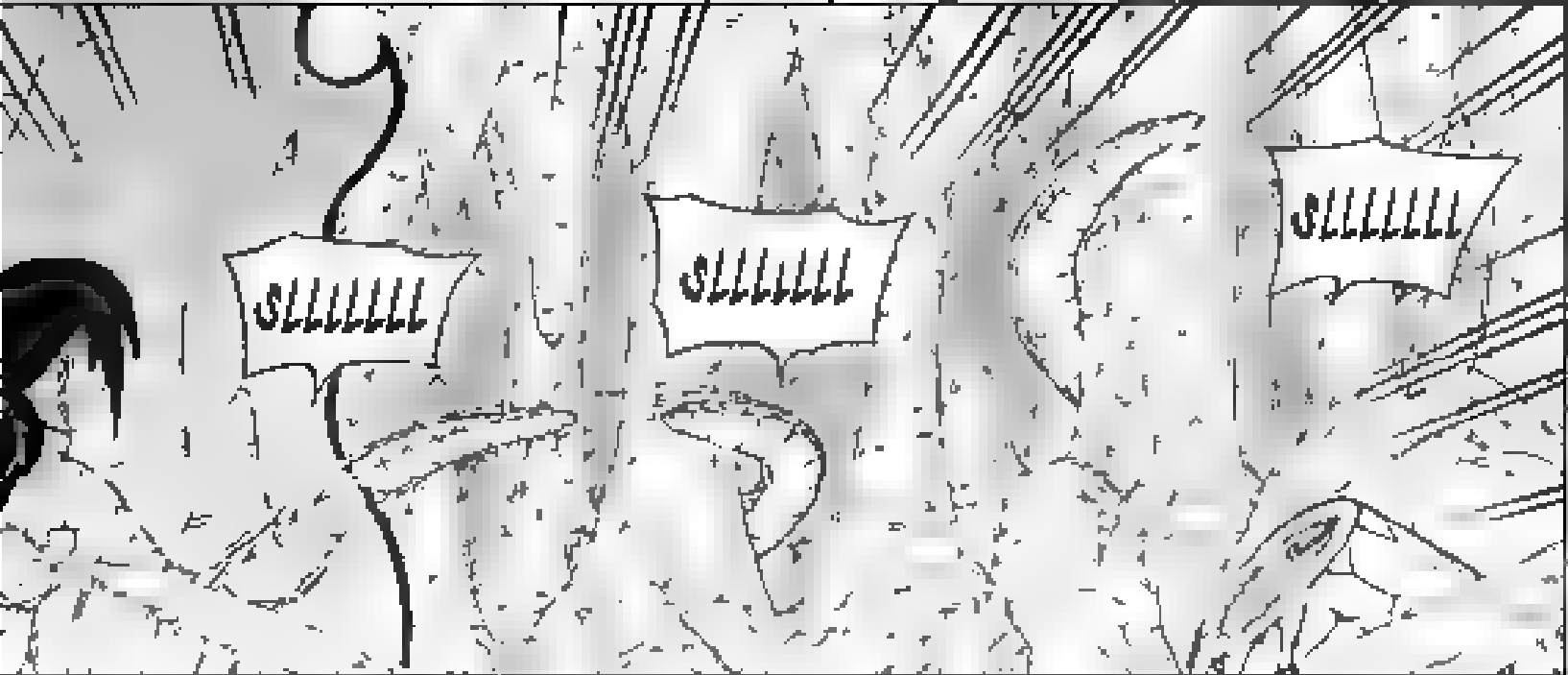


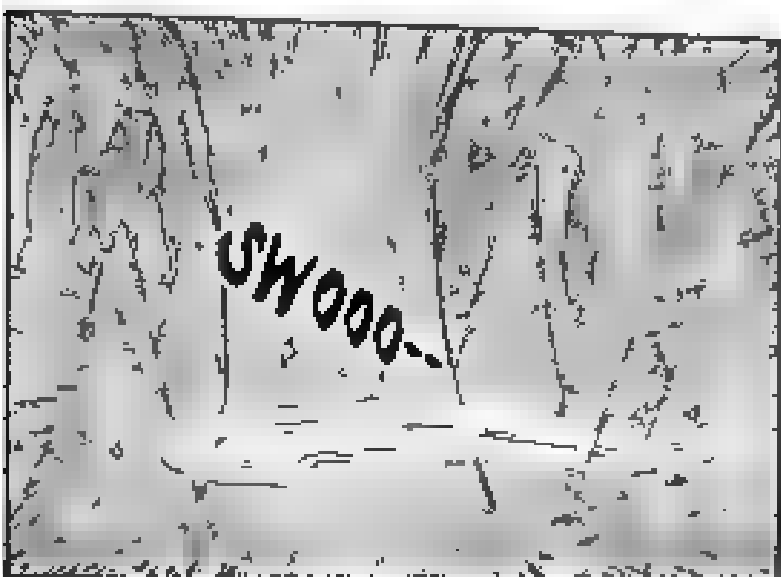
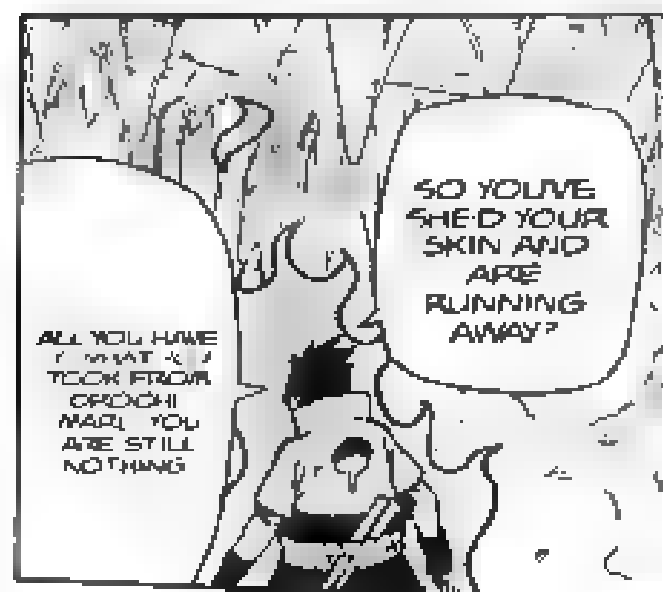
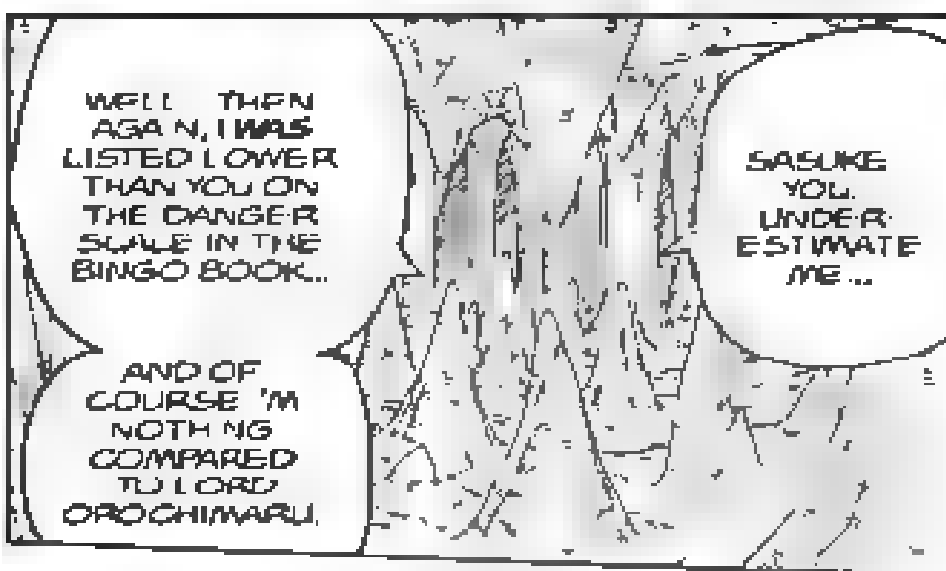


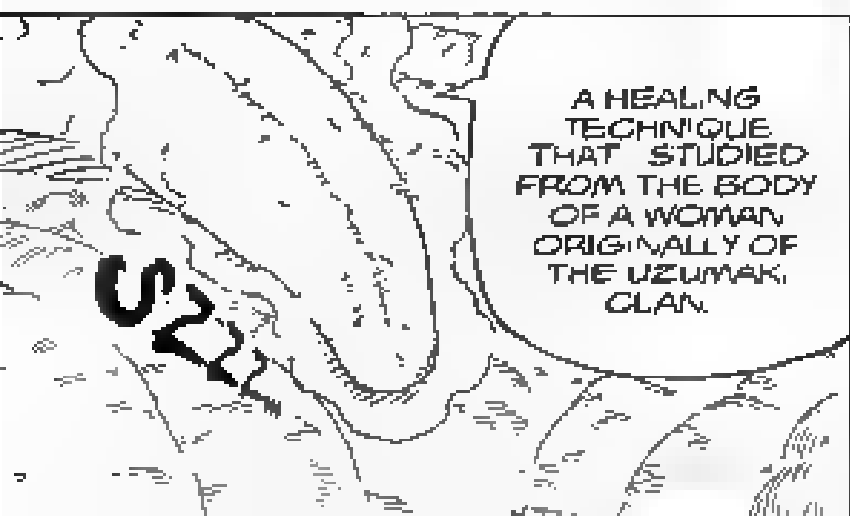
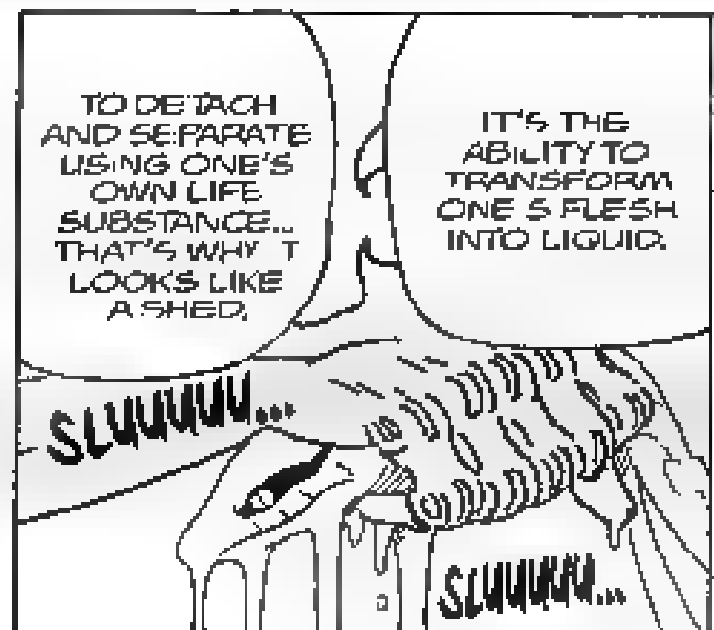
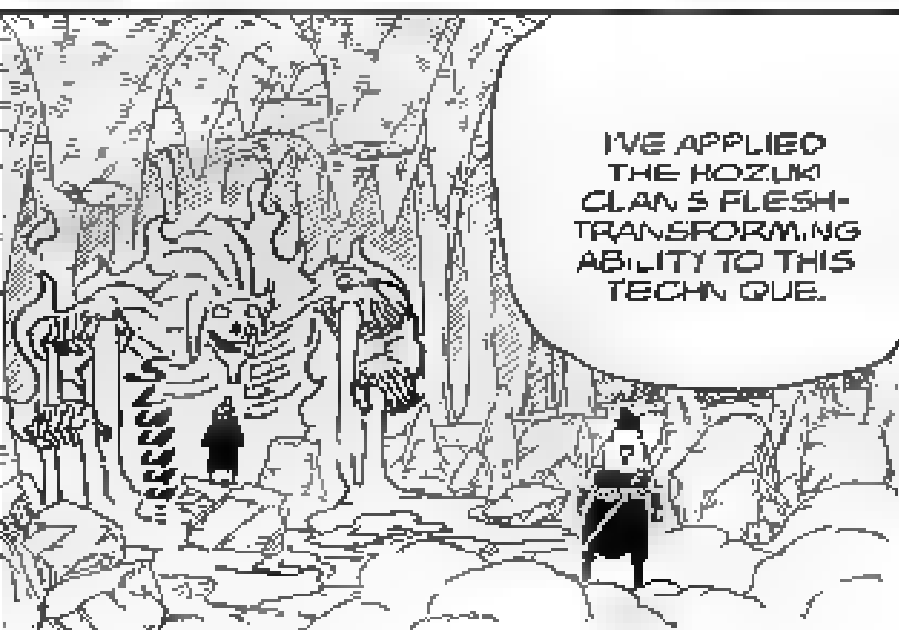
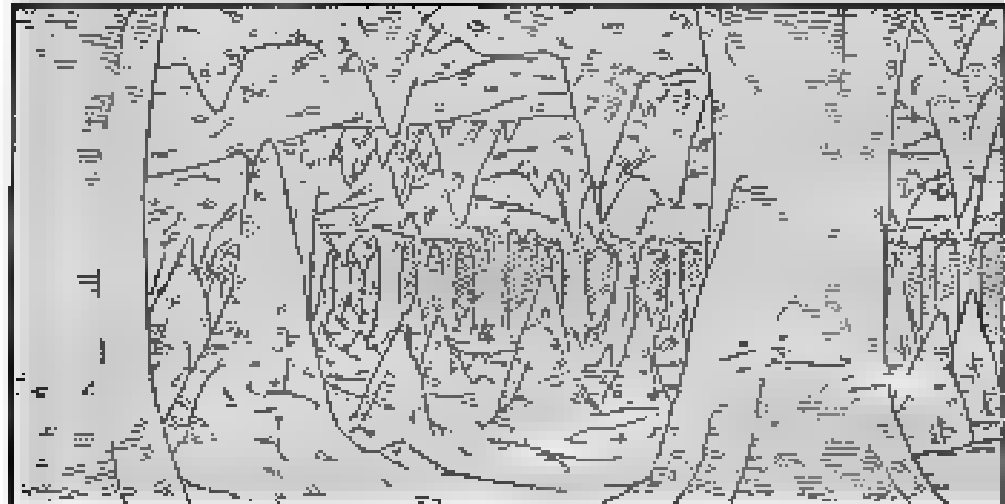




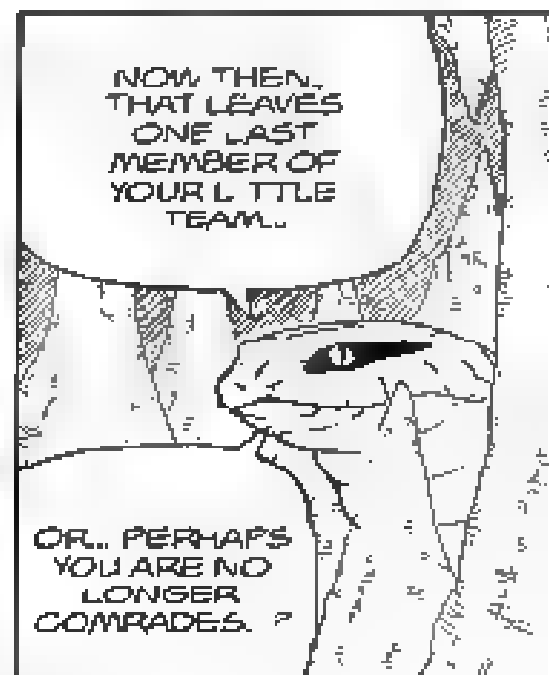
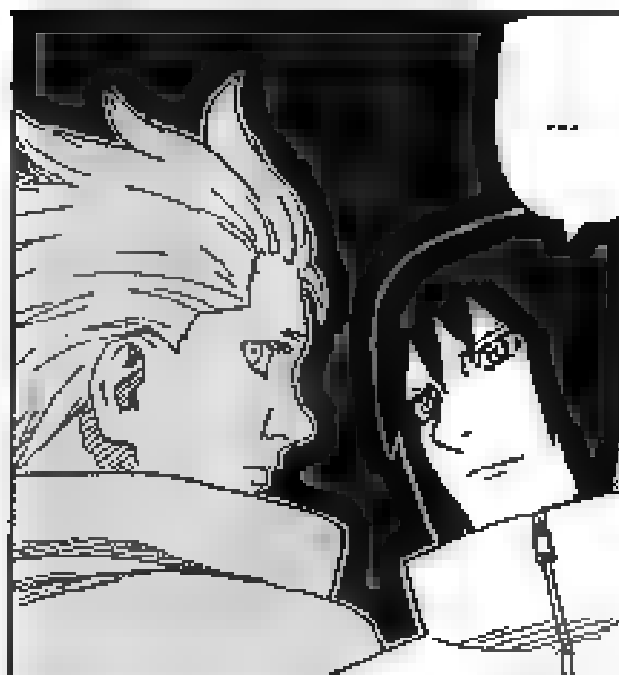
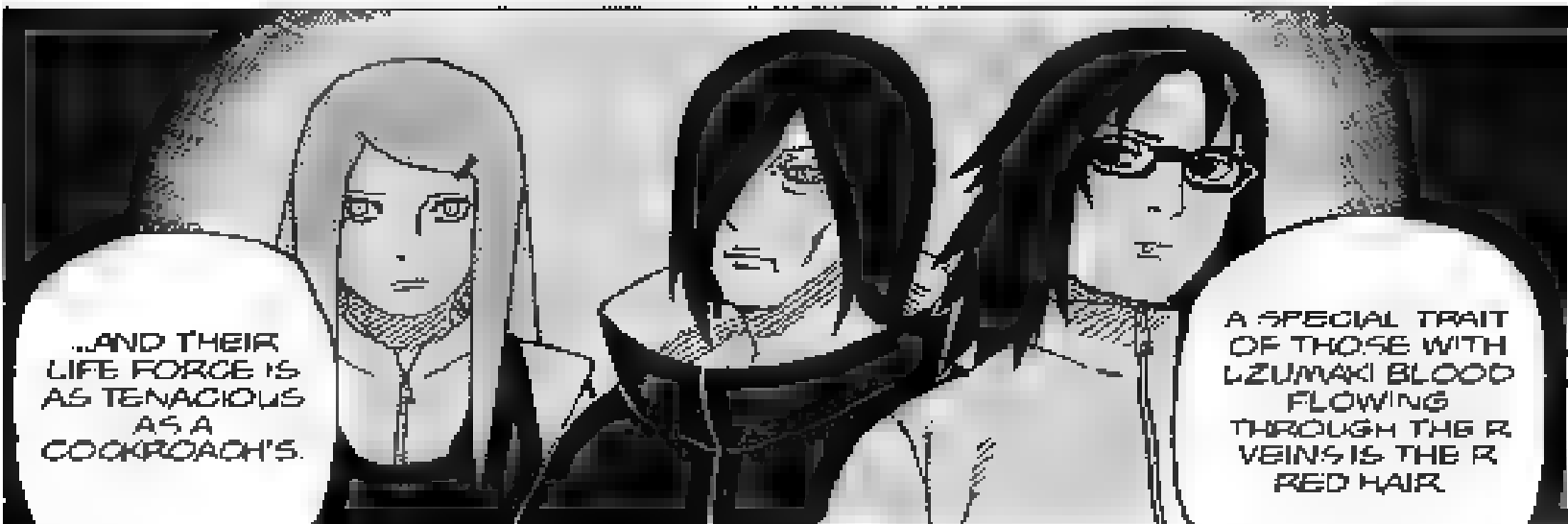














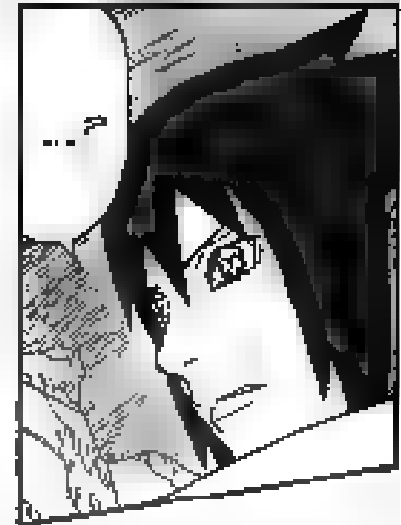
DO YOU  
HAVE  
JUGO'S  
ABILITIES  
TOO?

YOU TOOK  
THEM FROM  
OROCHIMARU'S  
CURSE MARK?



BUT THOSE  
WHO LACK  
TALENT CAN  
JUST STEAL  
IT FROM  
THOSE WHO  
HAVE IT!

IN THE  
SHINOBI  
WORLD,  
THOSE  
WITHOUT  
TALENT ARE  
NOTHING



...?



NO !!

RYUCHI  
CAVE?!

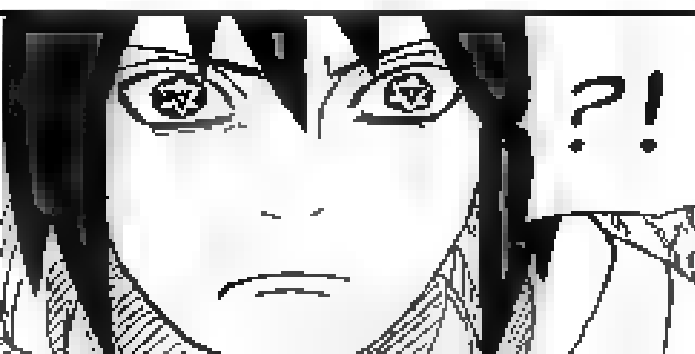


LORD  
OROCHIMARU  
IS NOT THE  
ONLY ONE  
TO HAVE  
REACHED T!

YES! I  
FOUND  
IT!

A PLACE AS  
LEGENDARY  
AS MOUNT  
MYOBOKU,  
AND THE  
SHIKKOTSU  
WOODS.

U LOOOOOO



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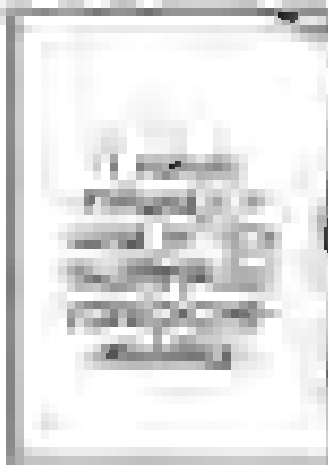
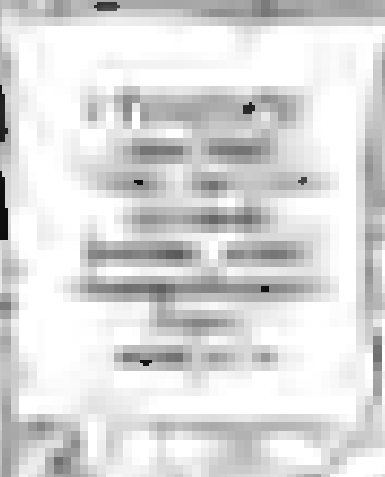


NO. THAT  
IS JUST A  
TEMPORARY  
BOOST.

THAT POWER  
I ACTUALLY  
MASTERED,  
MYSELF... AT  
RYUCHI CAVE.

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# 龍地洞

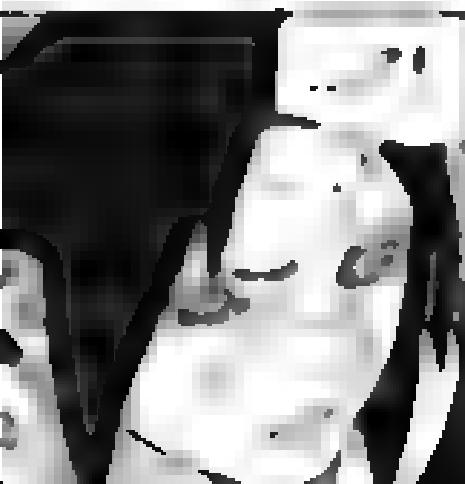


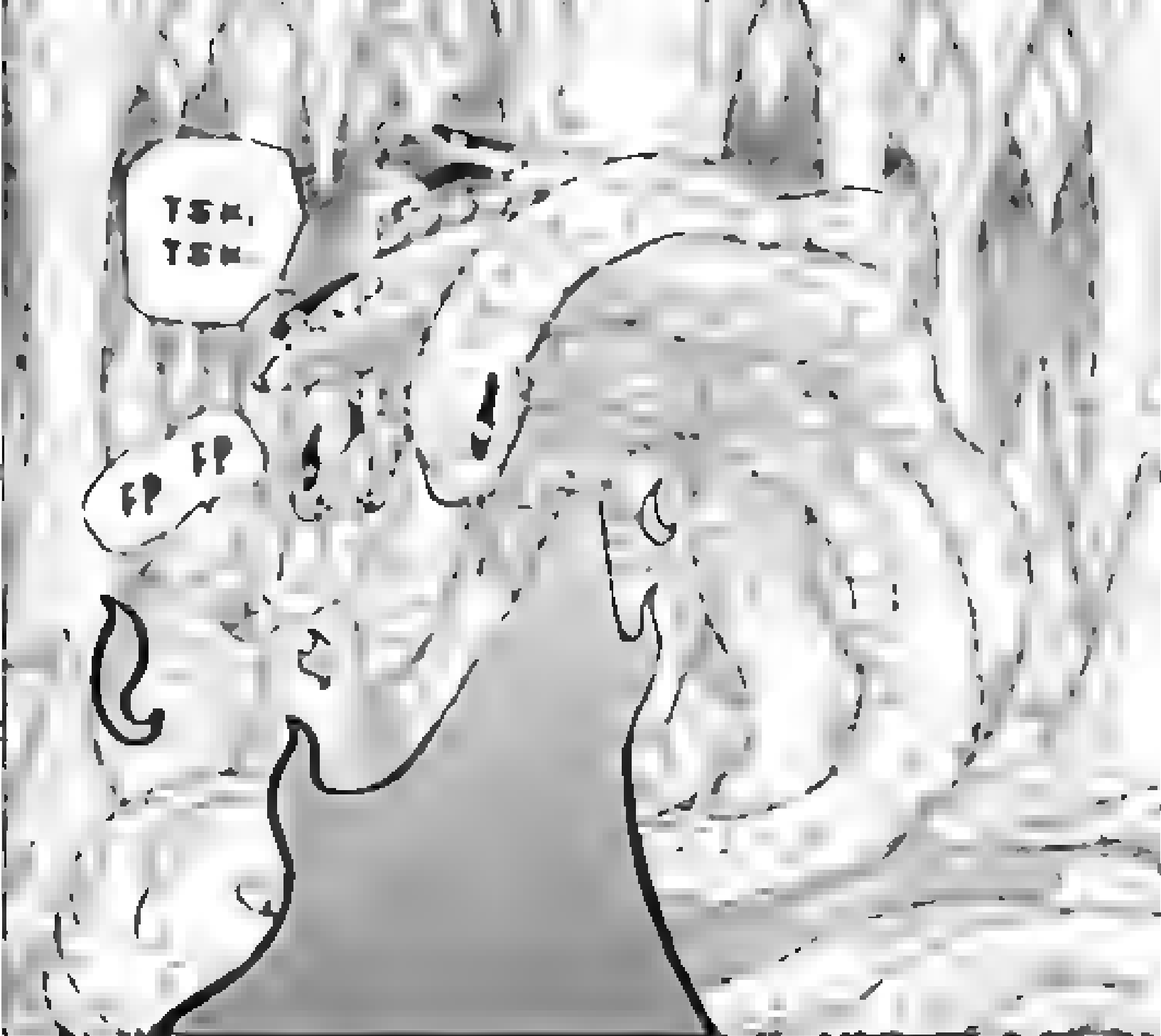
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ZWOO...

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OO

HR - AK







JUGO'S CLAN HAVE ALWAYS HAD CONTROL OVER NATURAL ENERGY SOURCES.



SO HE DOES HAVE...

NATURE ?



LORD OROCHIMARU WASN'T INTERESTED IN JUGO'S RAMPAGES.

SO MUCH AS THE ORIGIN OF HIS CLAN'S POWER.

THAT'S THE SECRET BEHIND THOSE RAMPAGES. THE ABILITY CAUSES THEM TO SUDDENLY BECOME MORE POWERFUL AND WILD.



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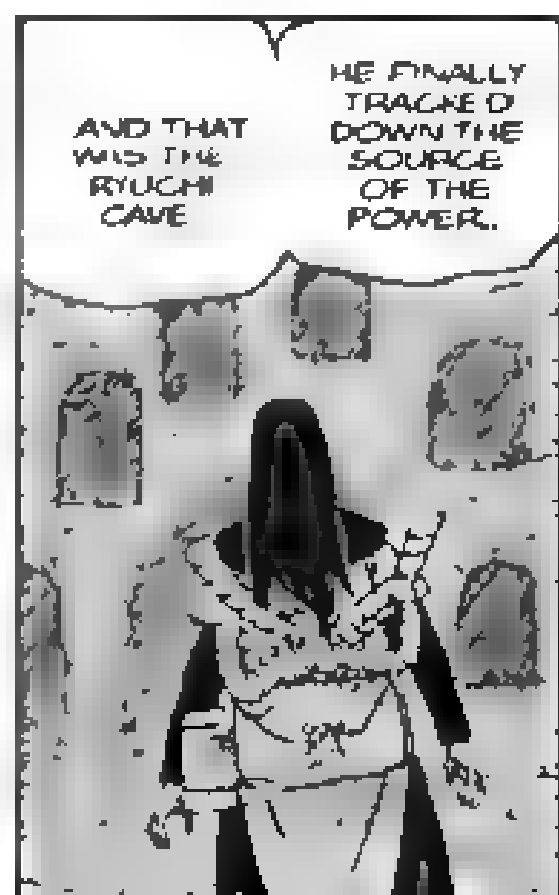


BUT HE DIDN'T YET POSSESS A BODY THAT COULD TOLERATE IT.

LORD OROCHIMARU HADN'T YET TRIED TO ACQUIRE THAT POWER.

THAT'S WHY...

FAP



AND THAT WAS THE RYUCHI CAVE.

HE FINALLY TRACKED DOWN THE SOURCE OF THE POWER.





I AM NO  
LONGER A  
SNAKE...

SAGE  
POWER HAS  
ALLOWED  
ME TO  
SHED THAT  
SKIN!

YOU  
OUGHT  
TO KNOW  
BETTER,  
SNAKE  
EXPERT

SHUP...

YOU ARE  
JUST LIKE  
OROCHIMARU!  
A DISGUSTING  
SNAKE!

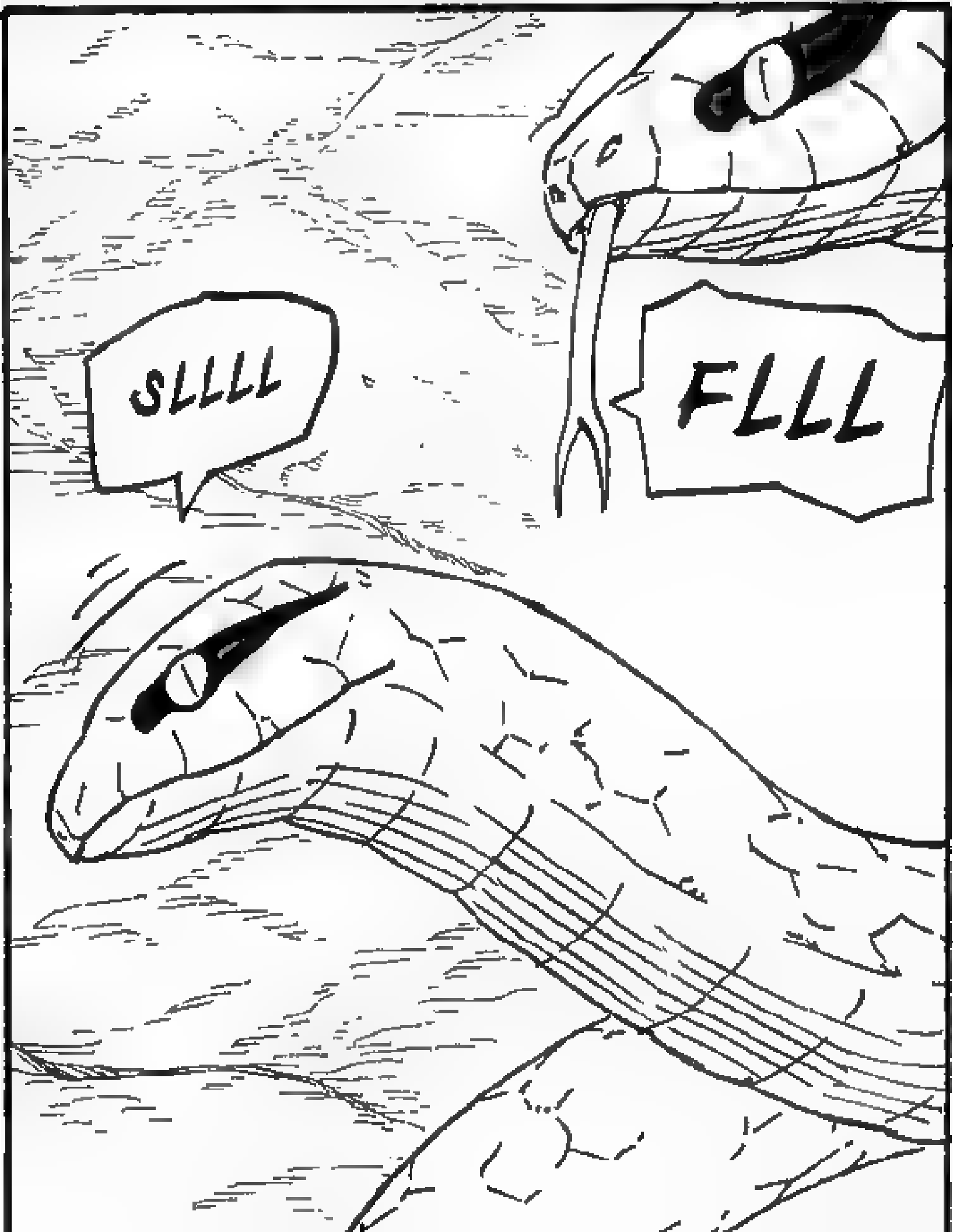


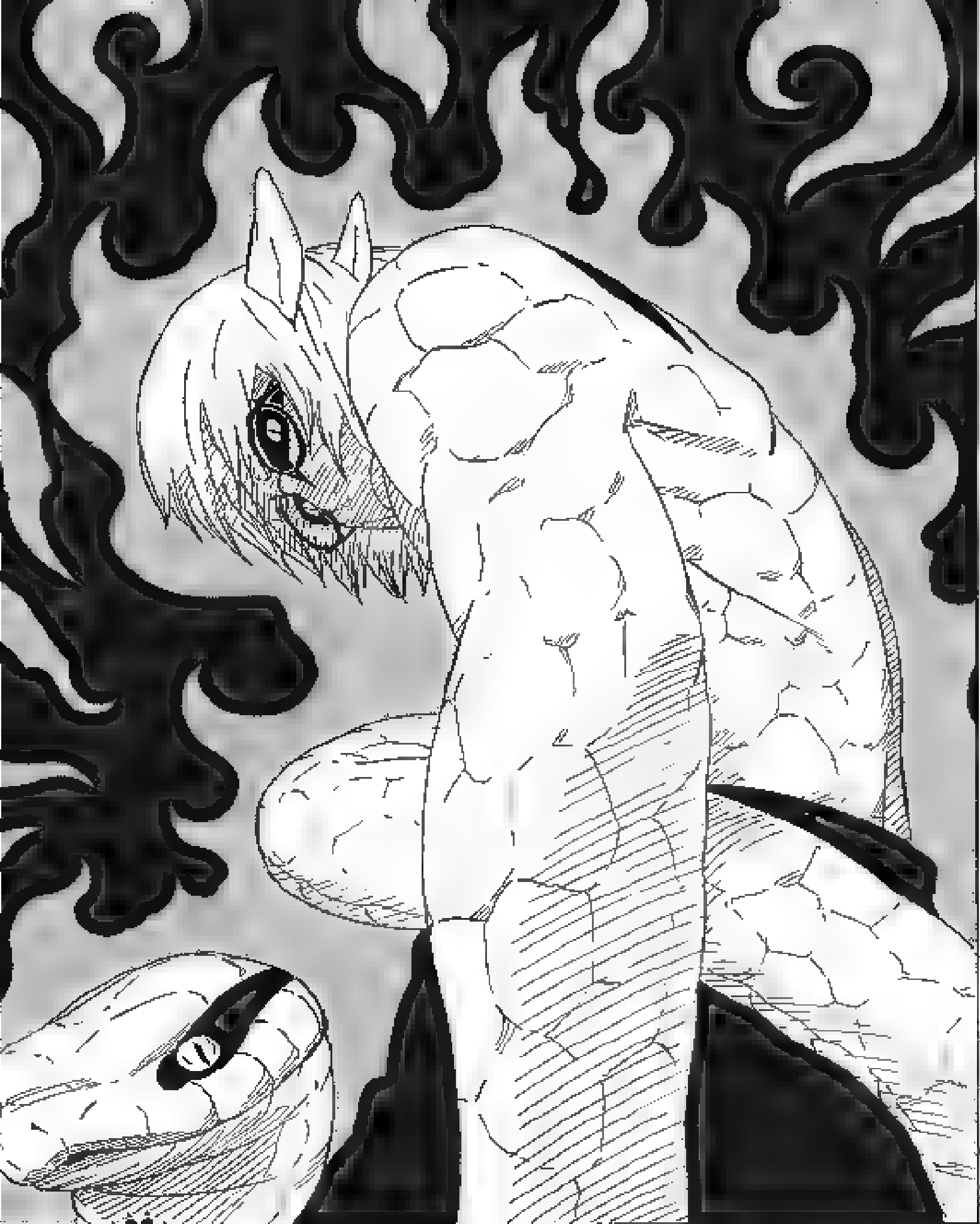
SAGE  
TECHNIQUE!  
WHITE  
EXTREME  
ATTACK!!

I  
AM A  
DRAGON  
!!

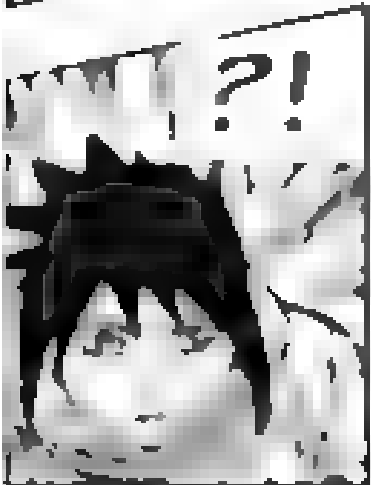
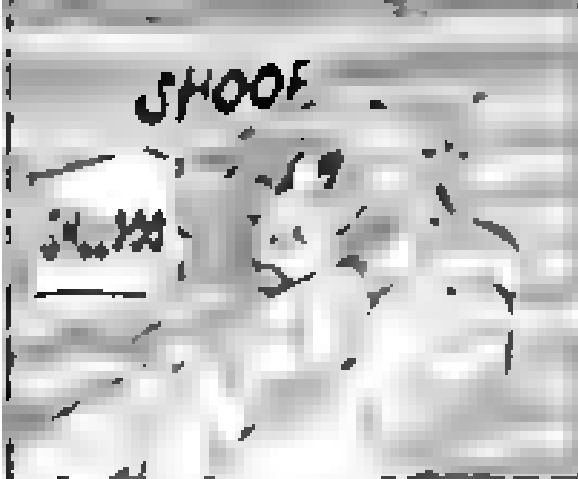
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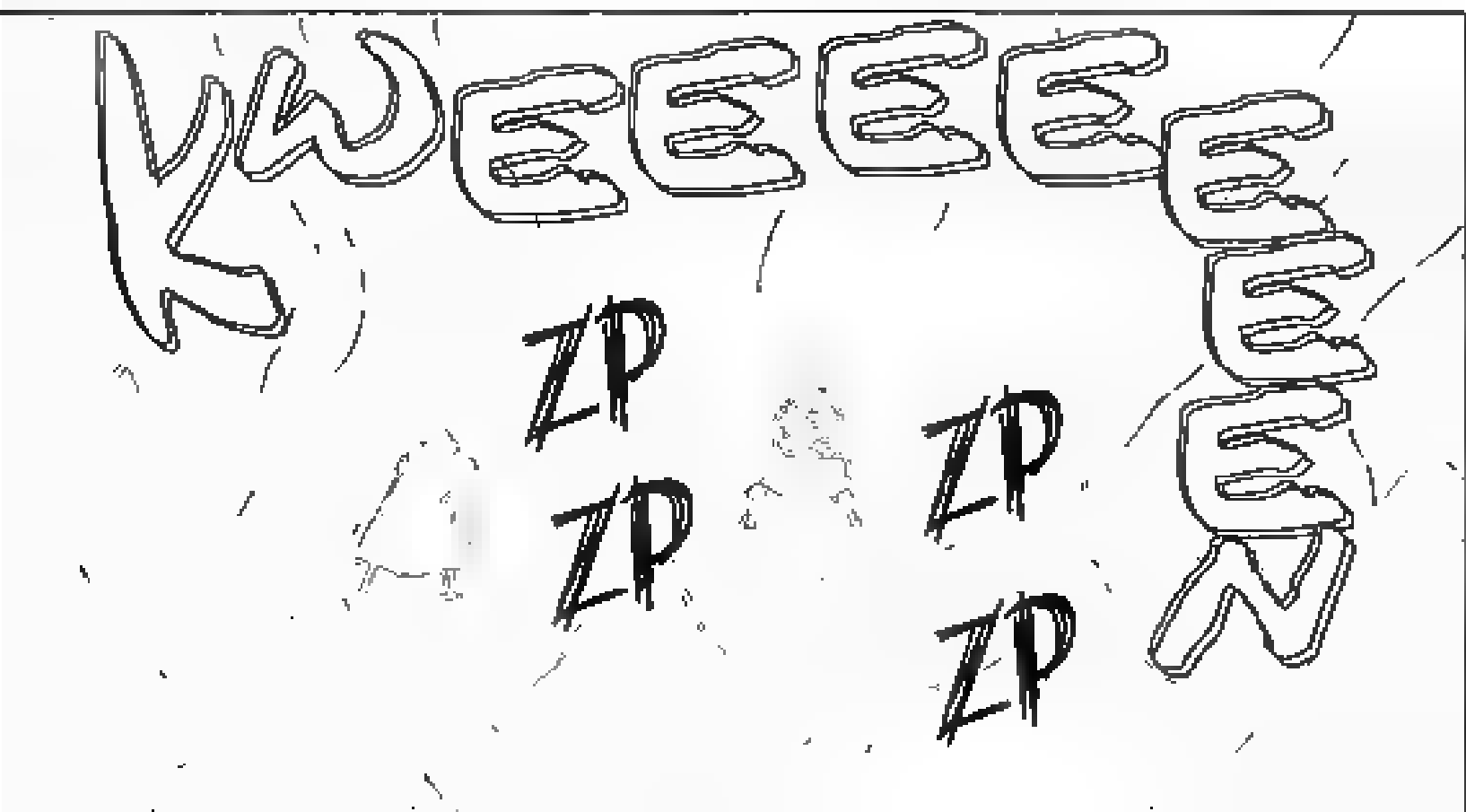
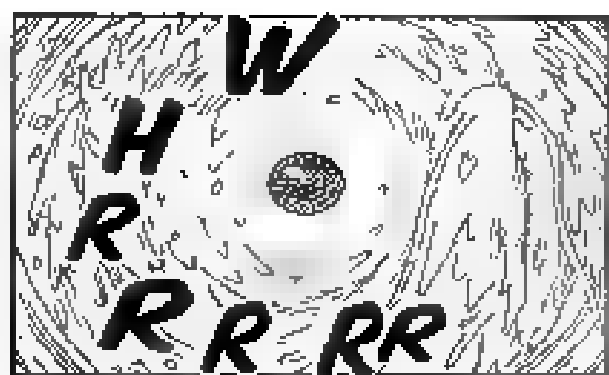
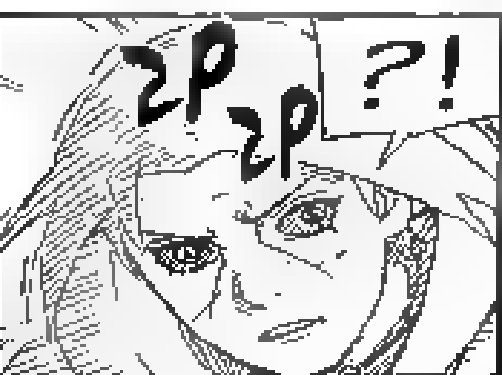






Number 580: Siblings





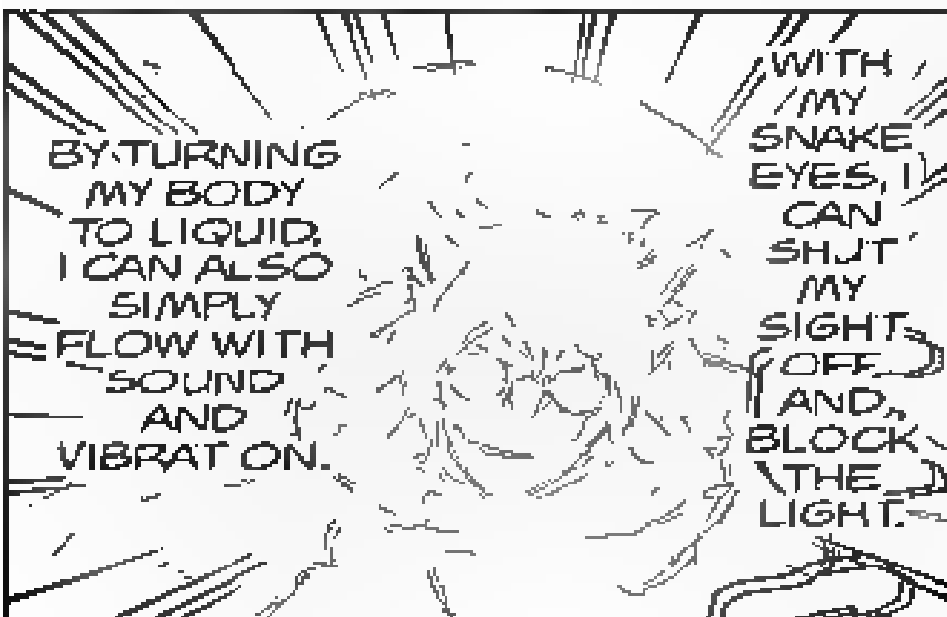


A JUTSU THAT CAUSES THE AIR TO OSCILLATE TO PARALYZE SENSES...  
FREEZING YOU IN PLACE

LIGHT AND SOUND TO KNOCK OUT SIGHT AND HEARING



MY EARS... THIS SOUND IS RATTLING MY BONES!



BY TURNING MY BODY TO LIQUID, I CAN ALSO SIMPLY FLOW WITH SOUND AND VIBRATION.

WITH MY SNAKE EYES, I CAN SHUT MY SIGHT OFF AND BLOCK THE LIGHT.

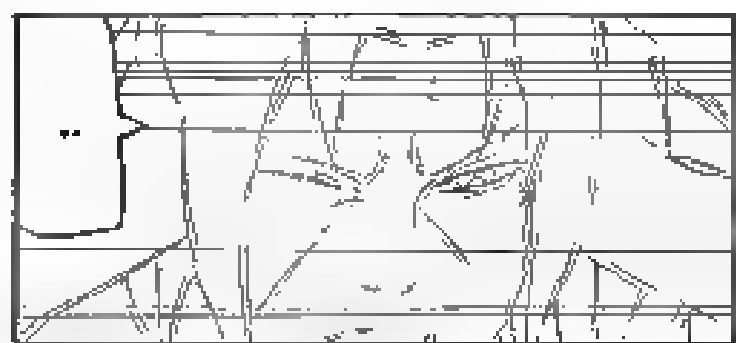


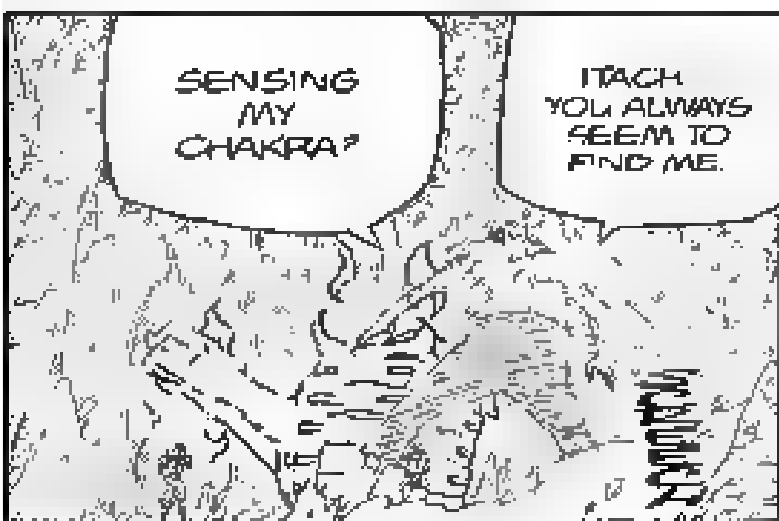
I CAN'T HOLD SLEANO-O

UGH! IT'S NO USE



THANKS TO MY SAGE POWERS, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MOVE IN THESE CONDITIONS.







?!

NAGATO WAS ABLE TO RELAY THAT INFORMATION.

HAVE NO SUCH ABILITY



I WAS NEVER THE ONE WHO COULD FINPOINT YOUR CHAKRA.



I MERELY MOVE TO PROTECT THAT WHICH I THINK YOU'LL MOST WANT TO ATTACK

BUT I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT YOUR TARGET IS ANYWAY I DO HAVE INSTINCTS, YOU KNOW.



AND THEN USE MY BROTHER TO STOP ME.

YOUR BEST CHANCE TO CAPTURE SASUKE IS NOW, BEFORE EITHER OF US FIGURES OUT YOUR JUTSU!

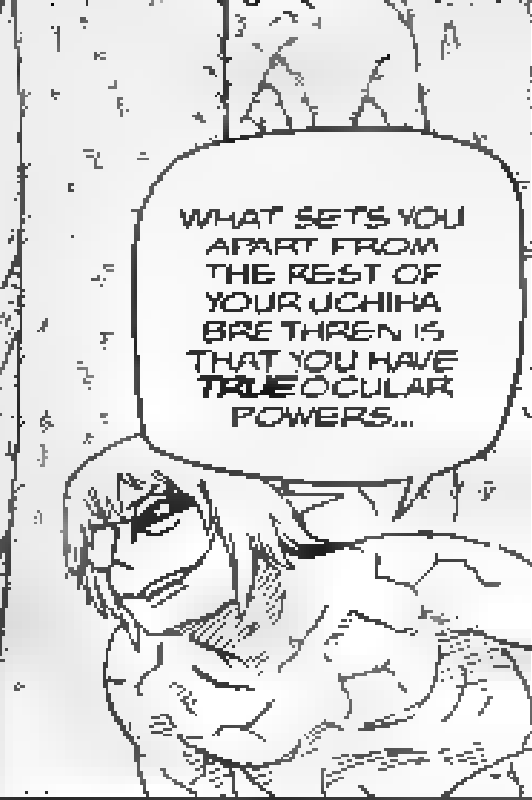
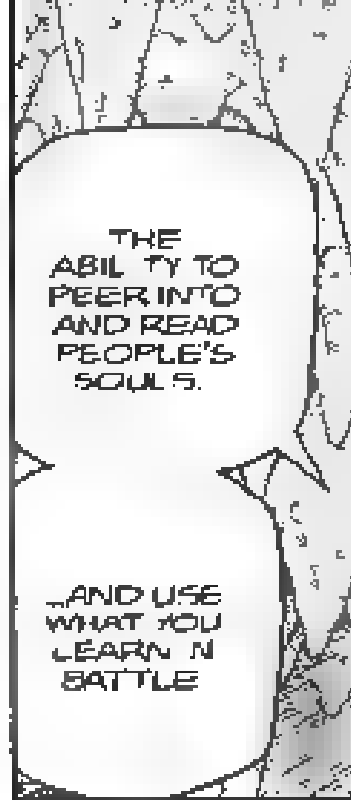
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YOU'LL HAVE TO CATCH HIM FIRST.

IF YOU REALLY WANT SASUKE..

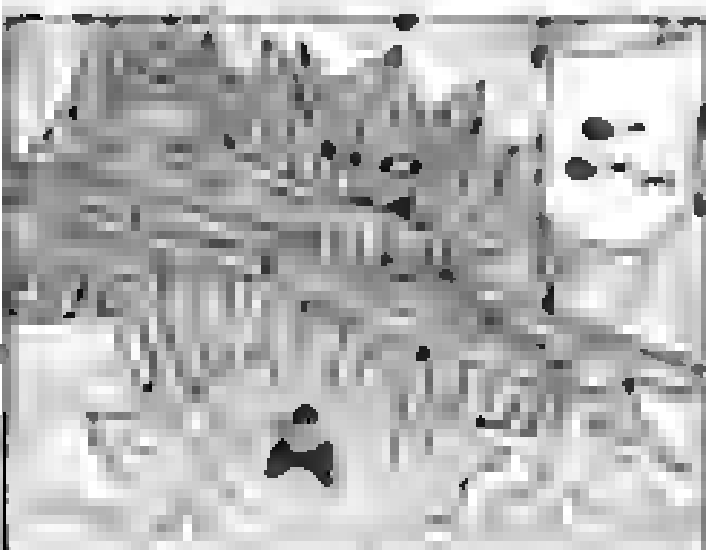


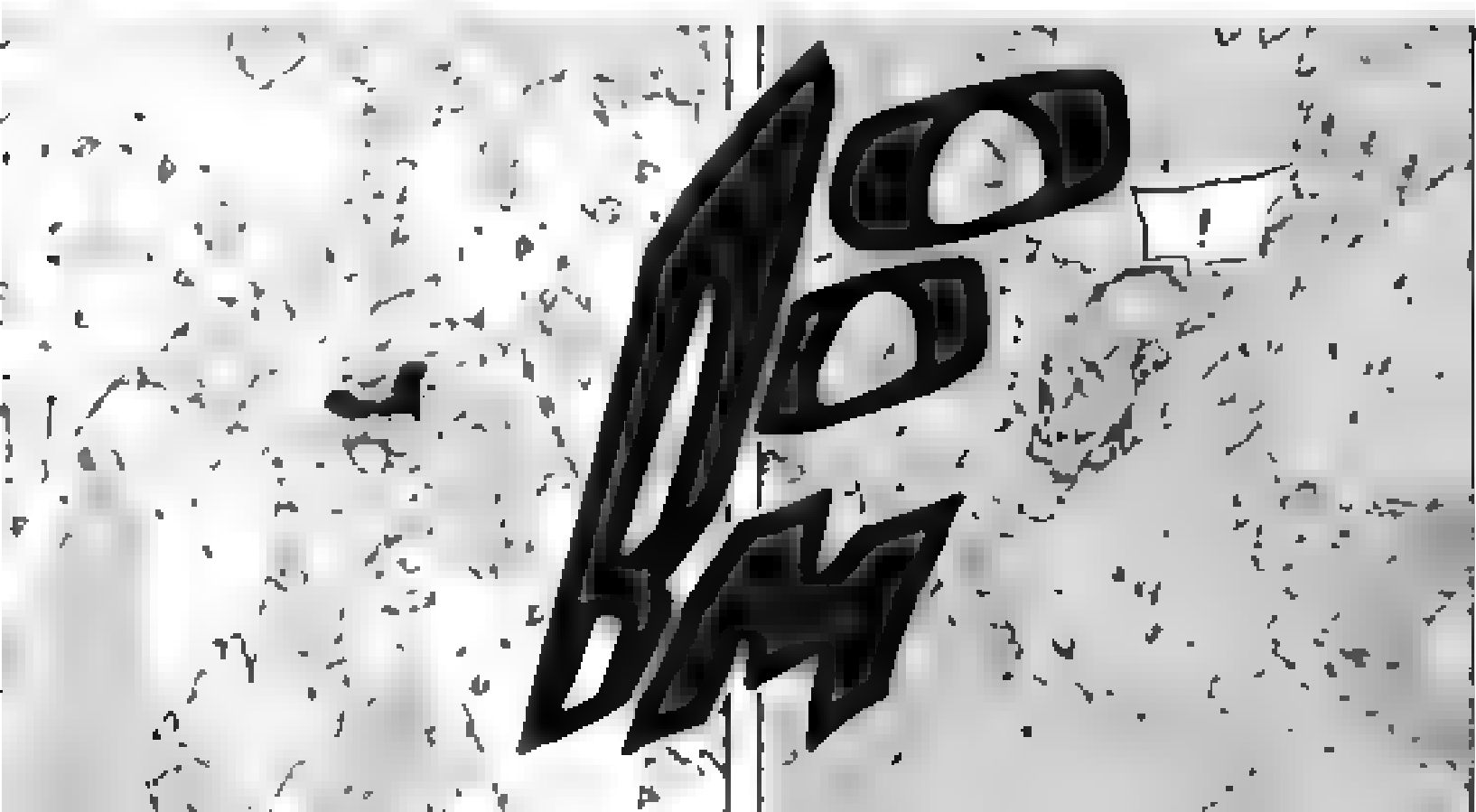
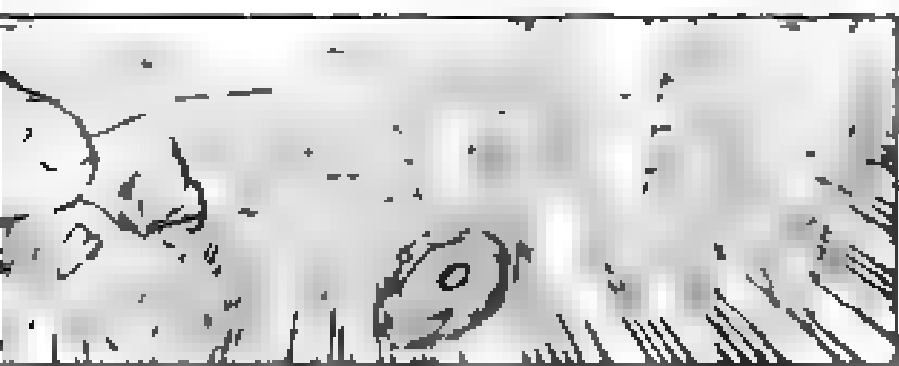


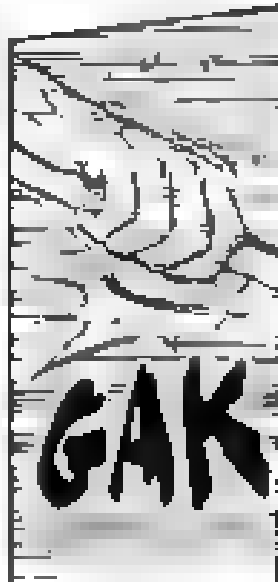




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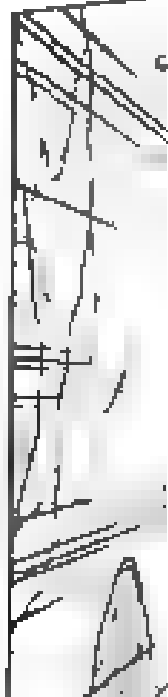
**GAK**



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HE'S GOING  
TO STEAL MY  
BLADE AND CUT  
OFF HIS OWN  
TAIL TO ESCAPE!



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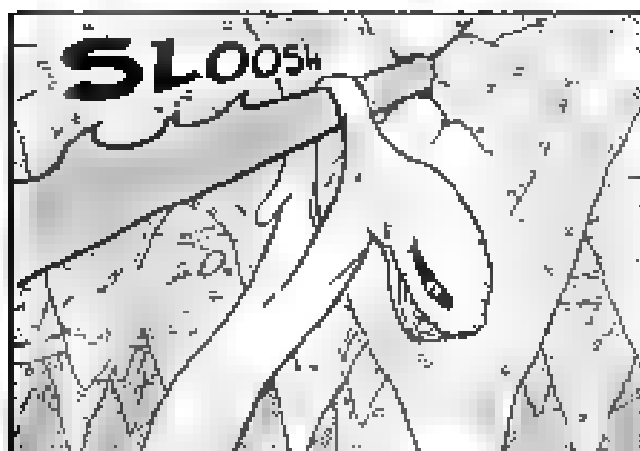
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KRAK

PAW!

KRAK

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## Number 581: To Each Their Own Konoha



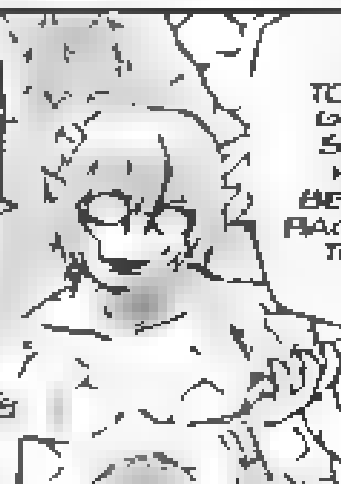
YOU, THE  
SIBLINGS  
WITH THE  
WORST  
CASE OF  
RIVALRY  
ON  
RECORD.



RIGHT NOW  
YOU TWO  
LOOK  
ALMOST  
LIKE PALS.



BUT WHAT  
IS IT THAT  
YOU WANT  
TO ASK  
OF A  
ONCE  
DEAD  
MAN?



IT'S NOT  
TOO HARD TO  
GUESS THAT  
SOMETHING  
HAPPENED  
BETWEEN YOU  
BACK WHEN YOU  
TOOK TAK  
DOWN.



THE TRUTH.

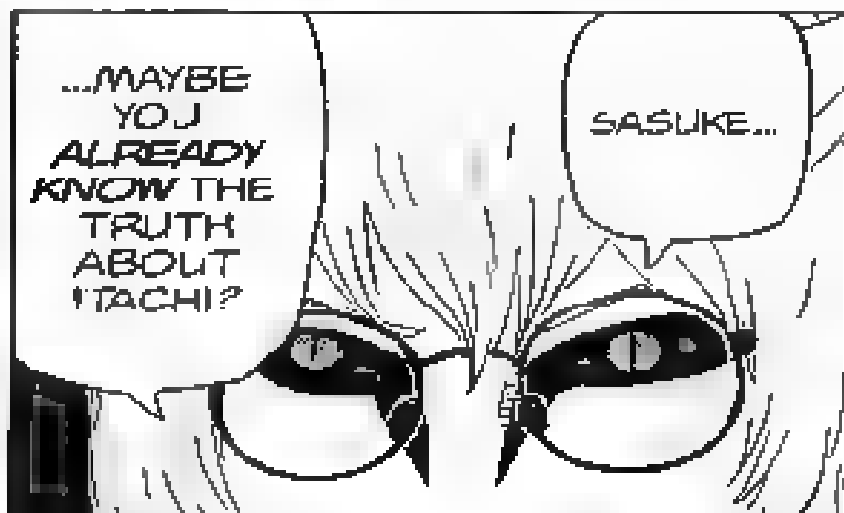
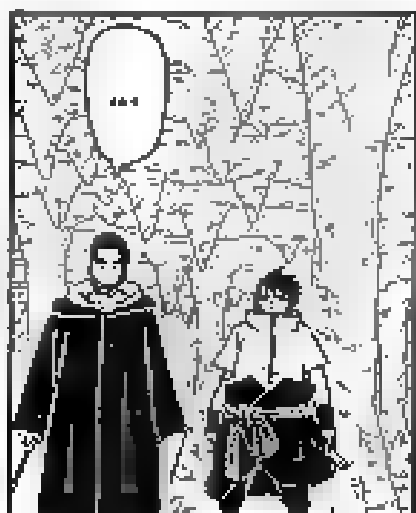


OH, REALLY?

SO YOU DON'T REALLY TRUST ITACHI AFTER ALL.

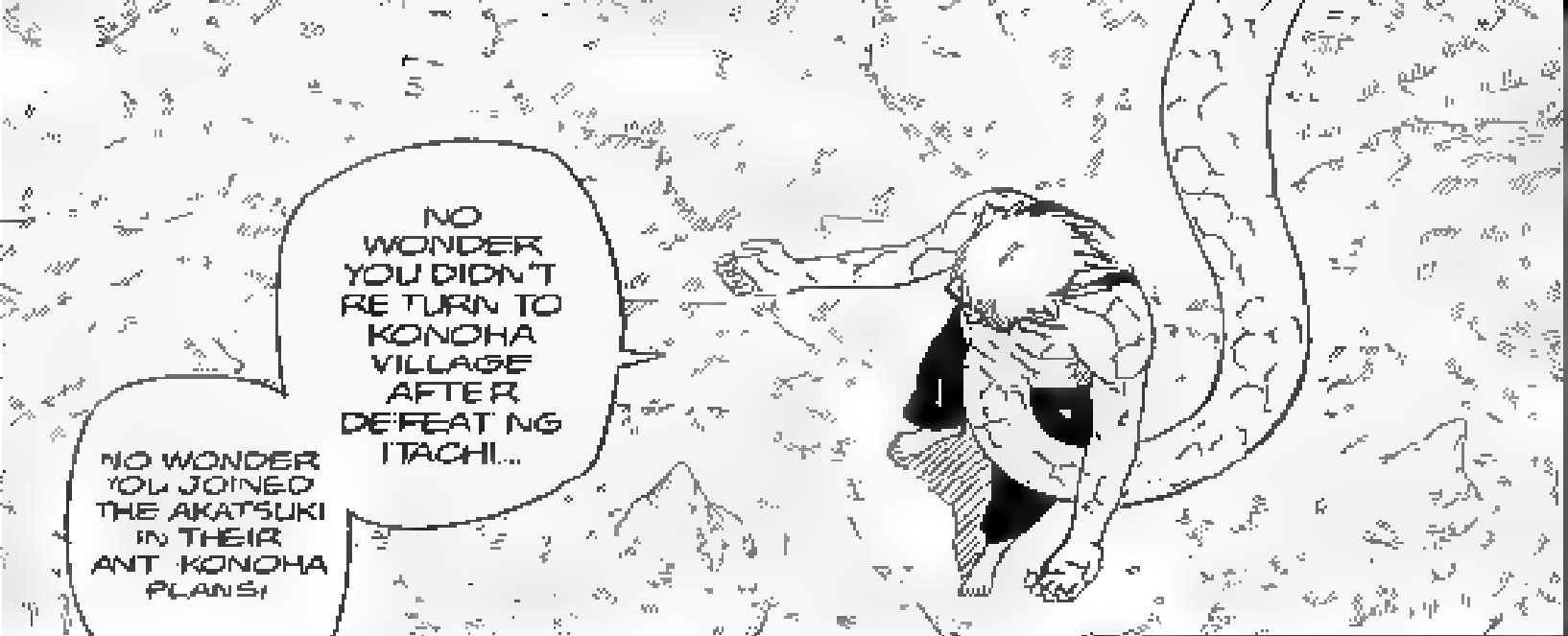


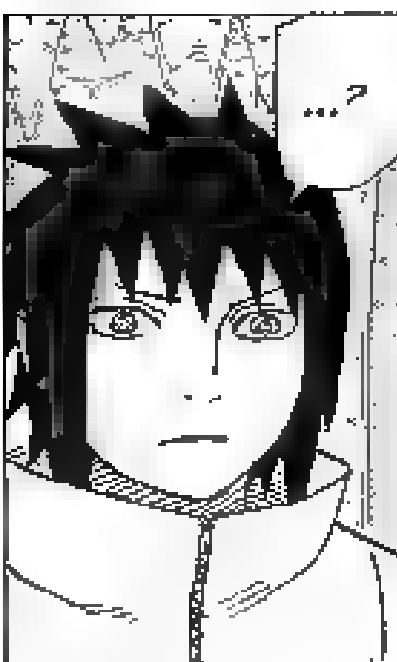
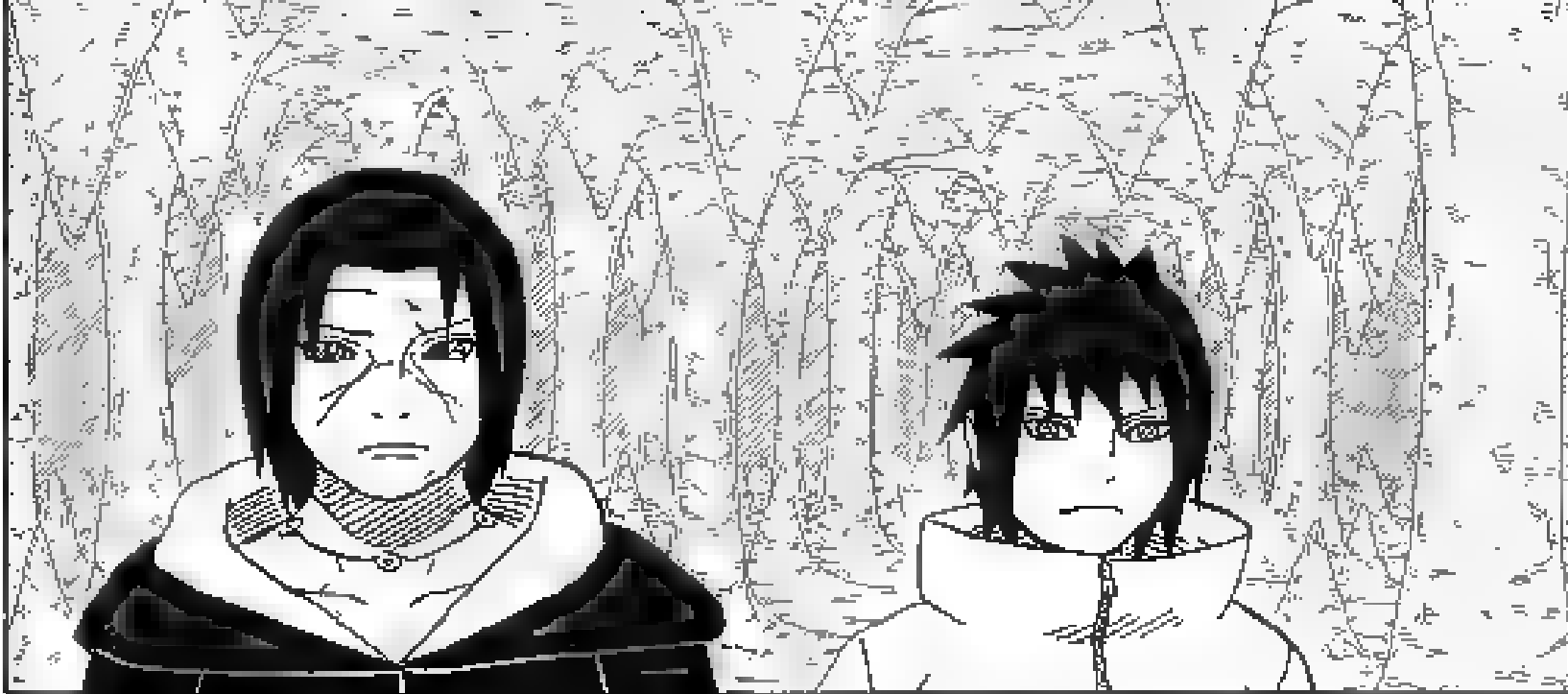
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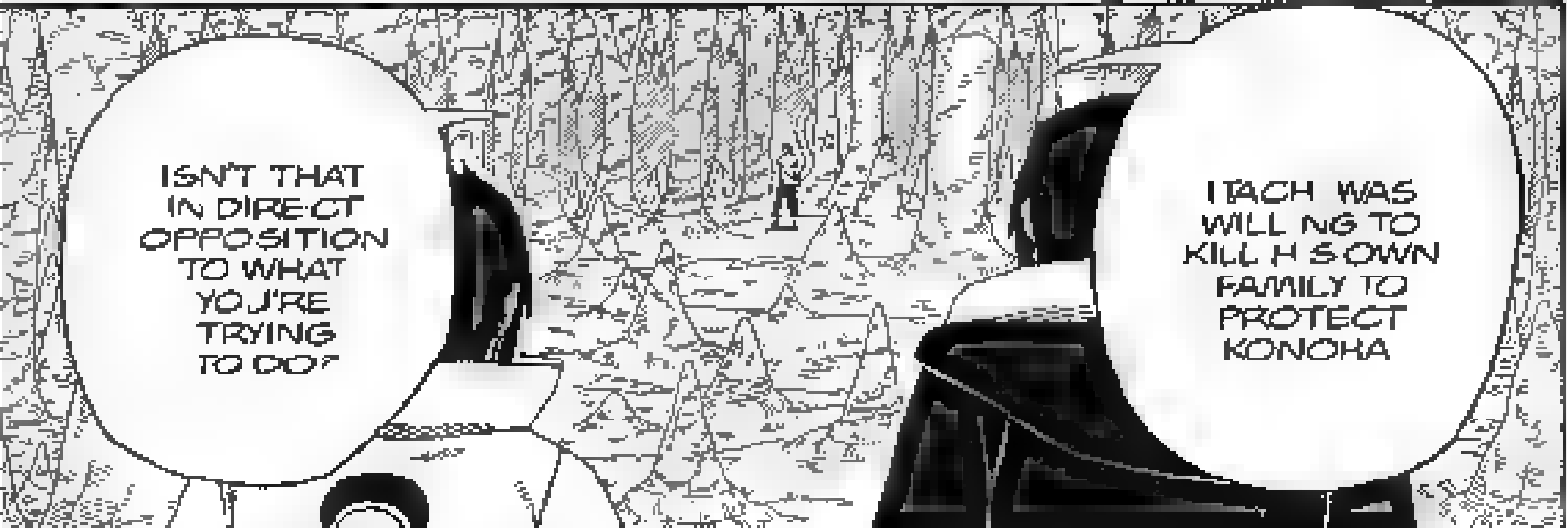


...MAYBE YOU ALREADY KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT ITACHI?

SASUKE...









ISN'T THAT  
IN DIRECT  
OPPOSITION  
TO WHAT  
YOU'RE  
TRYING  
TO DO?

ITACHI WAS  
WILLING TO  
KILL HIS OWN  
FAMILY TO  
PROTECT  
KONOHA



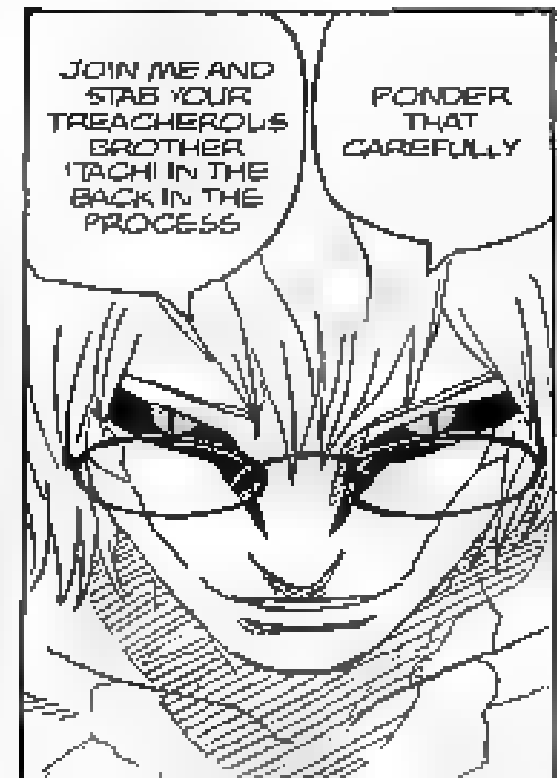
LORD  
OROCHIMARU  
COULD NOT  
COMPLETE  
OPERATION  
DESTRUCT  
KONOHA. IT  
IS WHO HAS  
INHERITED  
THAT TASK

I'M THE  
ONE.. WHO  
WANTS  
WHAT YOU  
WANT!



HE'S NOT  
EVEN  
HIM. HE'S  
ALREADY  
DEAD!

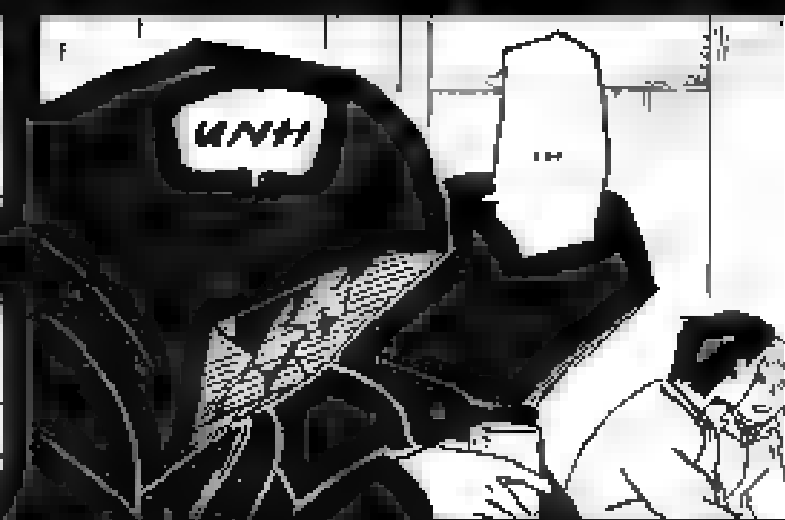
YOU  
DON'T  
EVEN  
HAVE TO  
FEEL  
GUILTY!

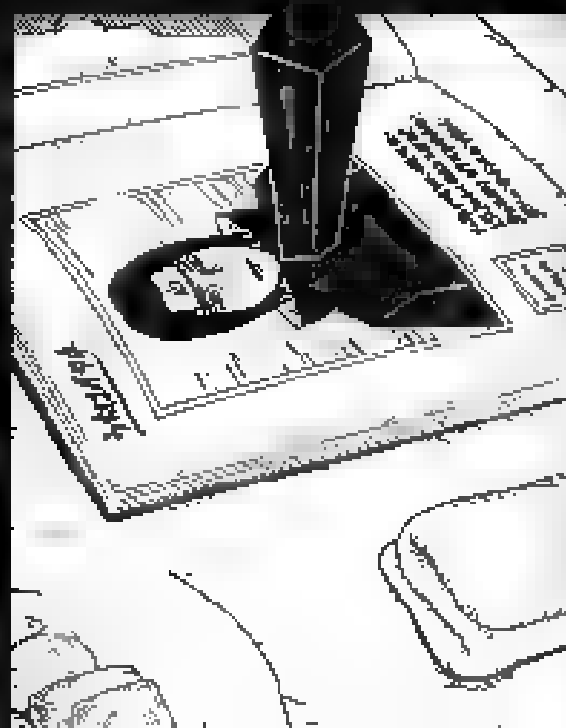
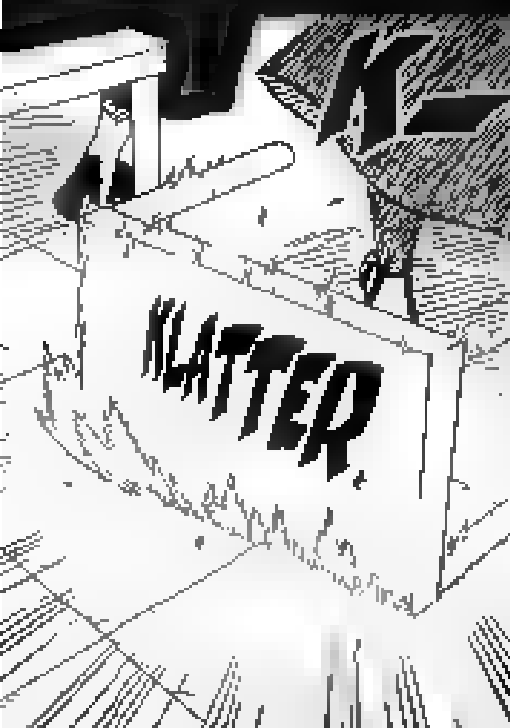
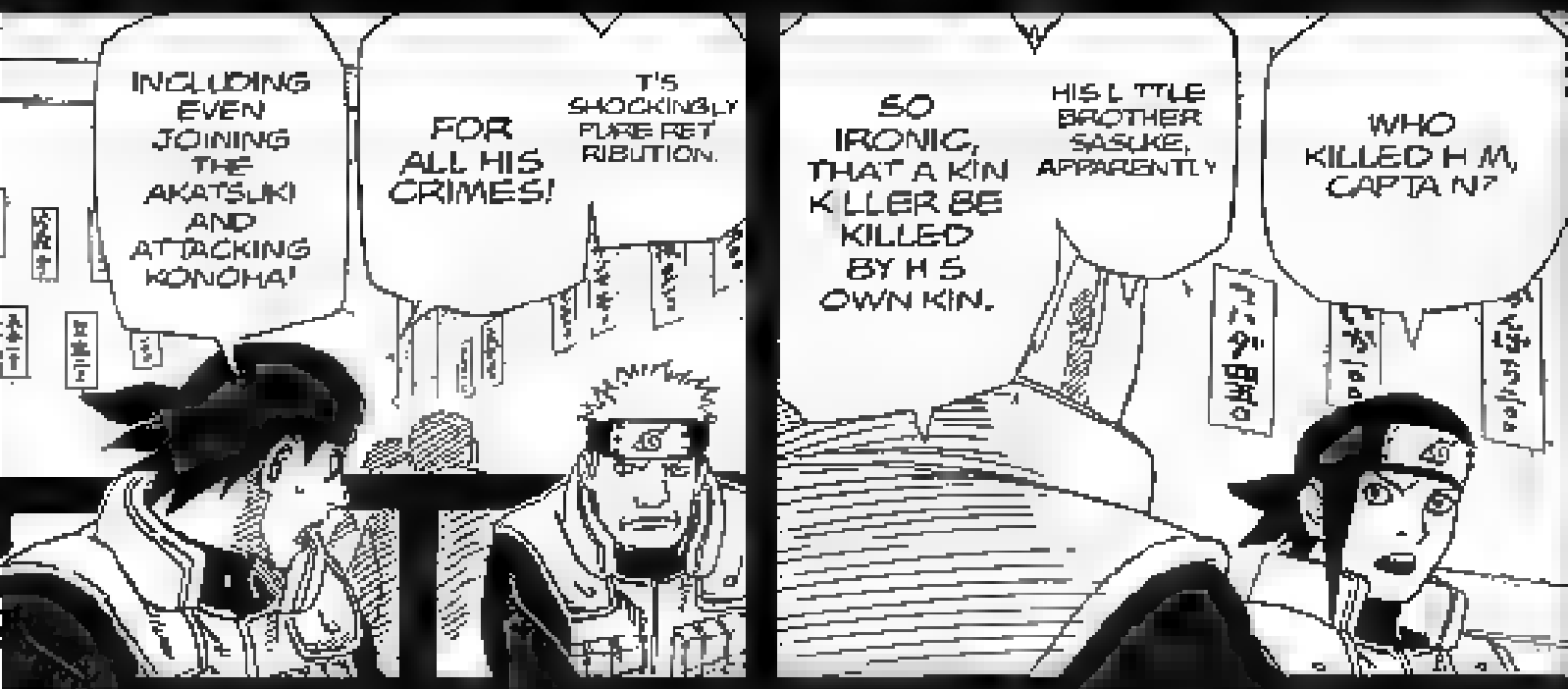


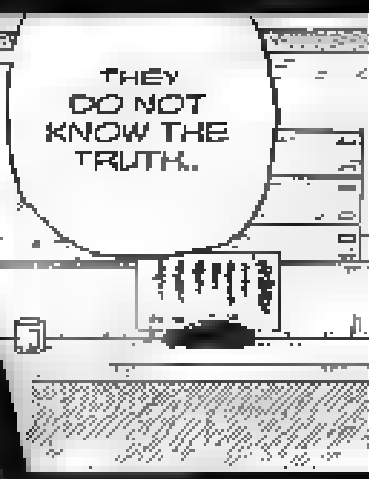
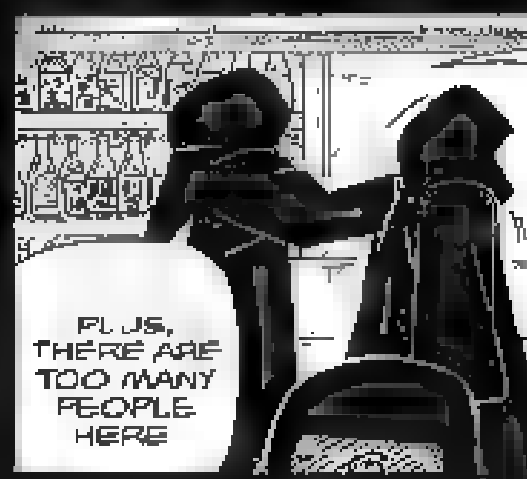
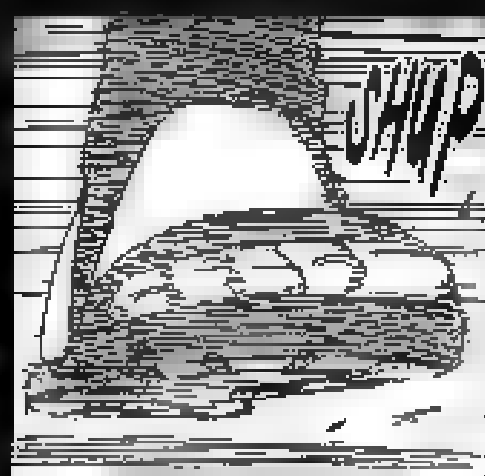
JOIN ME AND  
STAB YOUR  
TREACHEROUS  
BROTHER  
ITACHI IN THE  
BACK IN THE  
PROCESS


PONDER  
THAT  
CAREFULLY














SO NO ONE  
WILL BELIEVE  
THE TRUTH  
ANYWAY...  
LOOK HOW  
LONG I  
TOOK YOU...



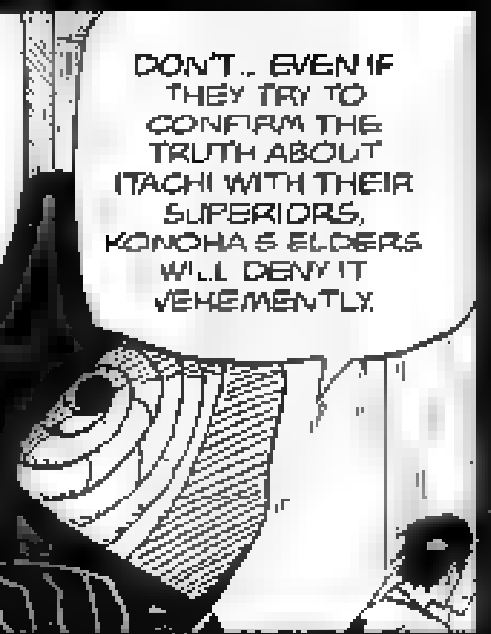
TACHI DID  
IN FACT  
SLAUGHTER  
HIS OWN  
UCHIHA CLAN.




AS AN  
AKATSUKI  
MEMBER, HE  
PRETENDED  
TO ATTACK  
KONOH.



THE  
CURRENT  
HOKAGE  
DOESN'T  
EVEN KNOW  
THE FACTS.



DON'T.. EVEN IF  
THEY TRY TO  
CONFIRM THE  
TRUTH ABOUT  
ITACHI WITH THEIR  
SUPERIORS,  
KONOH'S ELDERS  
WILL DENY IT  
VEHEMENTLY.




BROTHER  
SACRIFICED  
**EVERYTHING** FOR  
THESE WORMS  
WHO WOULD  
BRAND HIM A  
TRAITOR..




FOR  
THESE  
WORMS.




AAAA



WE'RE  
NOT THE  
SAME!



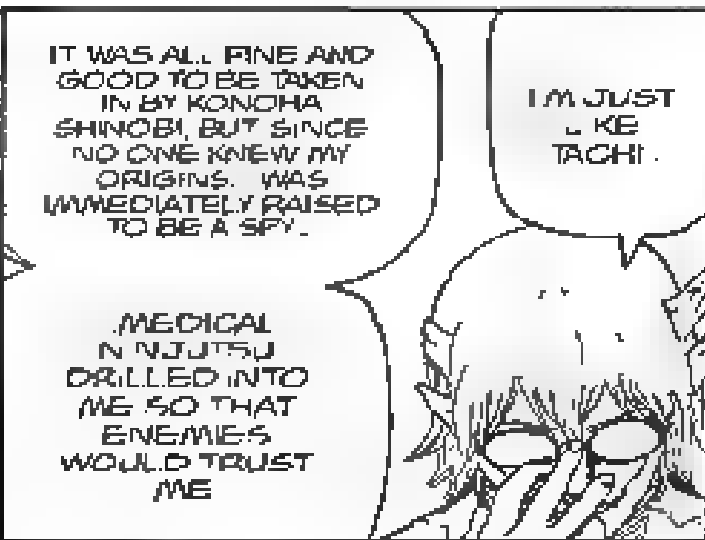
IF YOU  
DON'T  
LIKE IT,  
WHAT IS IT  
THAT YOU  
WANT?



IT'S WHAT  
ITACHI  
WANTED.



MY  
OPERATION  
DESTROY  
KONoha IS  
NOTHING  
LIKE YOURS!



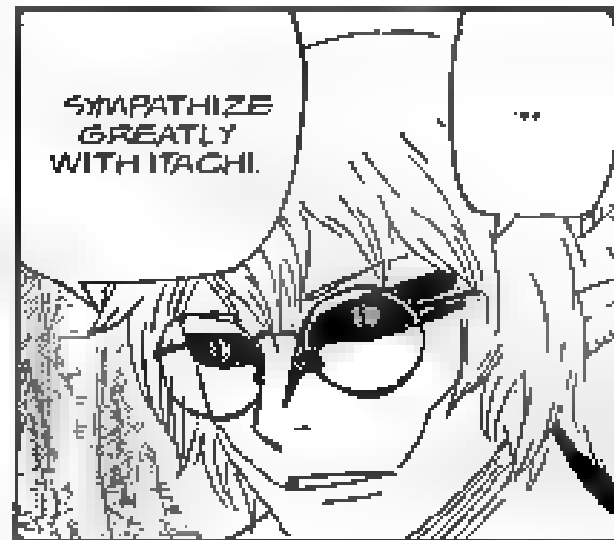
IT WAS ALL FINE AND  
GOOD TO BE TAKEN  
IN BY KONoha  
SHINOBI, BUT SINCE  
NO ONE KNEW MY  
ORIGINS, WAS  
IMMEDIATELY RAISED  
TO BE A SPY..

I'M JUST  
A KE  
TACHI..

MEDICAL  
NINJUTSU  
DRILLED INTO  
ME SO THAT  
ENEMIES  
WOULD TRUST  
ME



..



SYMPATHIZE  
GREATLY  
WITH ITACHI.

..



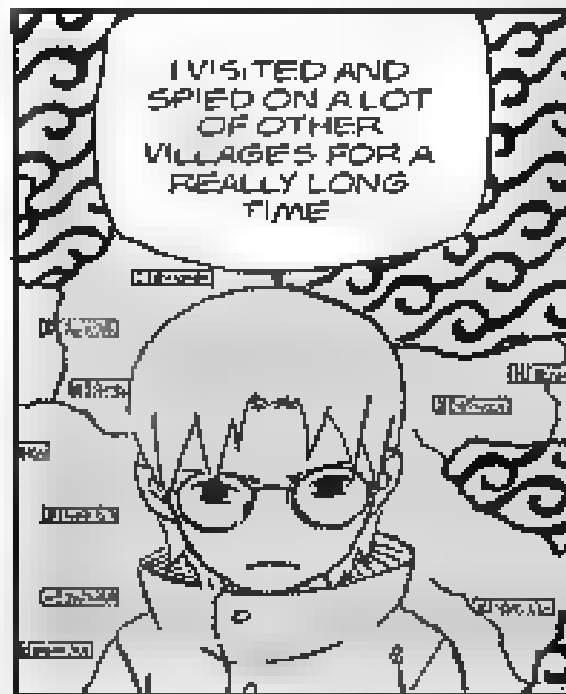
I CONTINUED  
TO WORK ON  
SUPPRESSING  
MYSELF.

WITH NO  
FRIENDS OR  
COMRADES  
WHO KNEW  
THE REAL  
ME..



WITH NO  
SPACE  
OR  
PLACE  
FOR THE  
REAL ME

I  
PRETENDED  
TO BE  
SOMEONE  
ELSE, LIVING  
A LIFE OF  
LIES..



I VISITED AND  
SPIED ON A LOT  
OF OTHER  
VILLAGES FOR A  
REALLY LONG  
TIME



BOTH TACHI  
AND I  
WORKED FOR  
THE GOOD  
OF KONOHA  
VILLAGE BUT  
IN RETURN,  
ALL WE GOT  
BACK WAS  
DISHONOR  
AND  
DISGRACE!



THE  
VILLAGE OF  
KONOHA  
STOPPED  
TRUSTING  
ME, AND I  
WAS TAKEN  
OFF THE  
MISSION



AND AROUND  
THE TIME I  
STOPPED  
KNOWING WHO  
EVEN WAS  
ANYMORE.

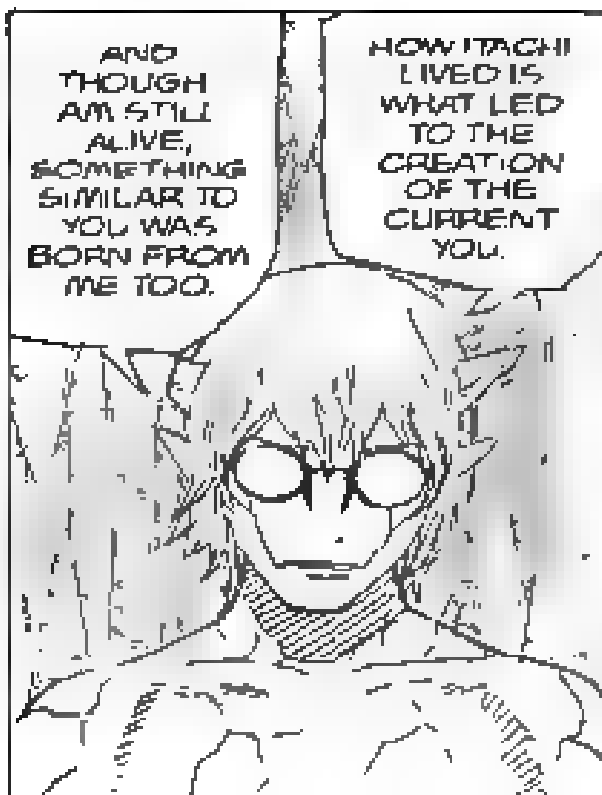


SO WHAT IN  
THE WORLD HAS  
KONOHA V LLAGE  
EVER DONE  
FOR US, EH?



THIS, I SHALL  
BE YOUR BIG  
BROTHER  
AND ST CK BY  
YOUR SIDE  
NOW COME  
JOIN ME.

NO ONE  
UNDERSTANDS  
YOU BETTER  
THAN I



AND  
THOUGH  
AM STILL  
ALIVE,  
SOMETHING  
SIMILAR TO  
YOU WAS  
BORN FROM  
ME TOO.

HOW ITACHI  
LIVED IS  
WHAT LED  
TO THE  
CREATION  
OF THE  
CURRENT  
YOU.

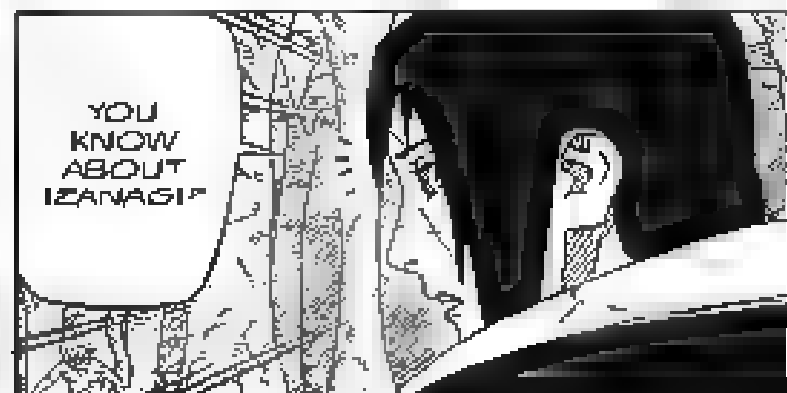
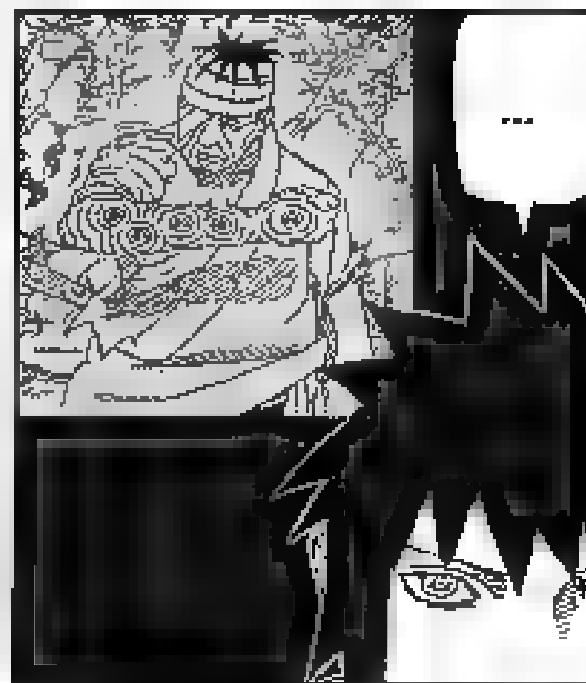


...











NOT  
IZANAGI.

ANOTHER  
FORBIDDEN  
JUTSU THAT IS  
CONSIDERED  
TS OTHER  
HALF.



...?



NEVER  
MIND THAT  
HOW DO WE  
USE ZANAGI  
HERE?



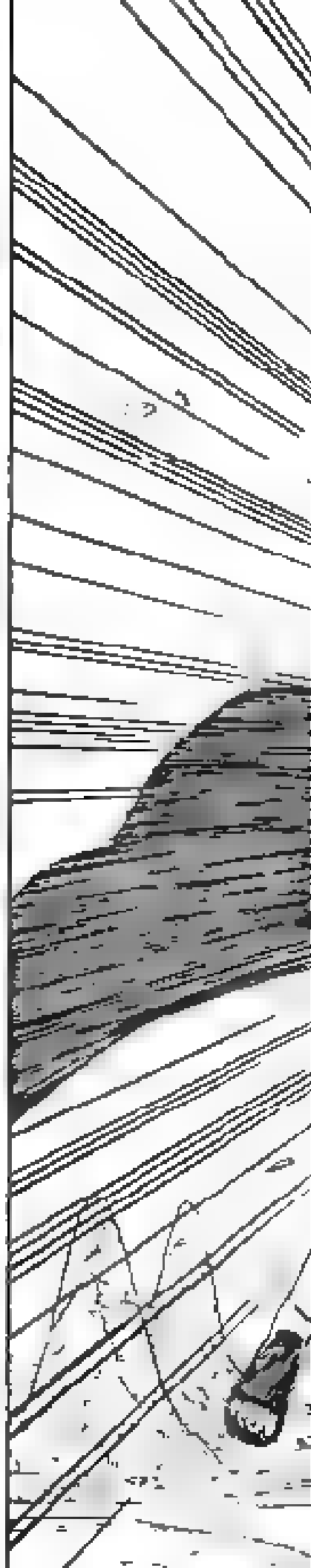
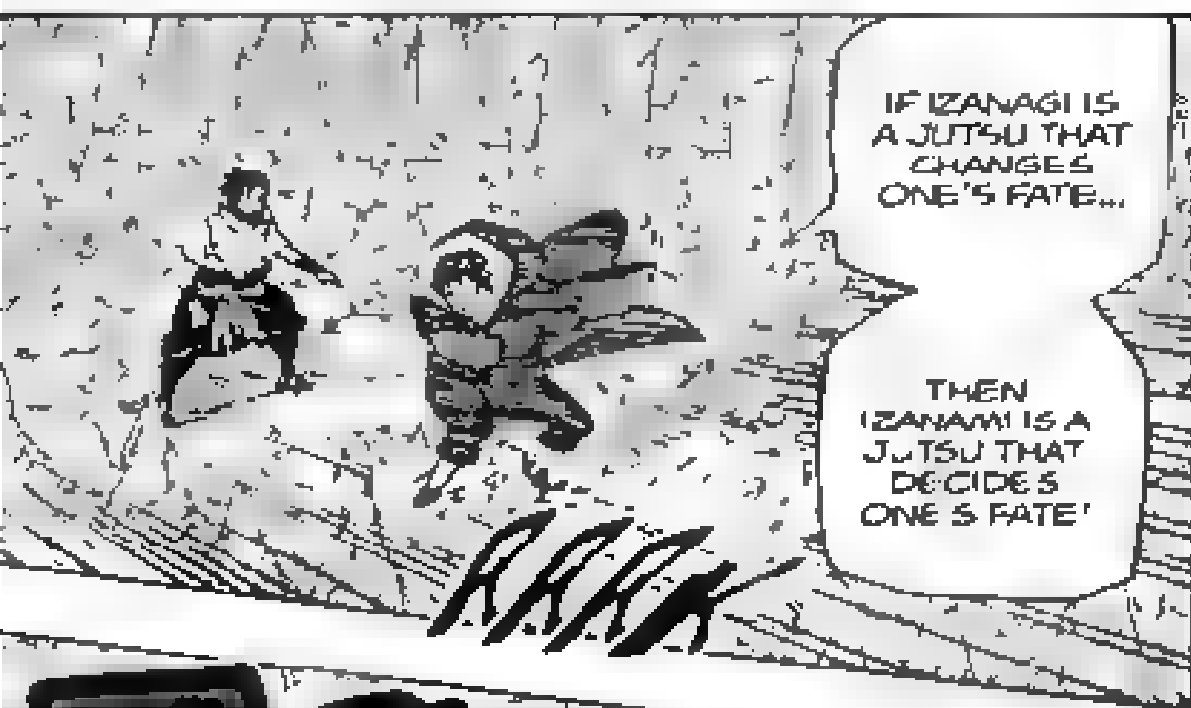
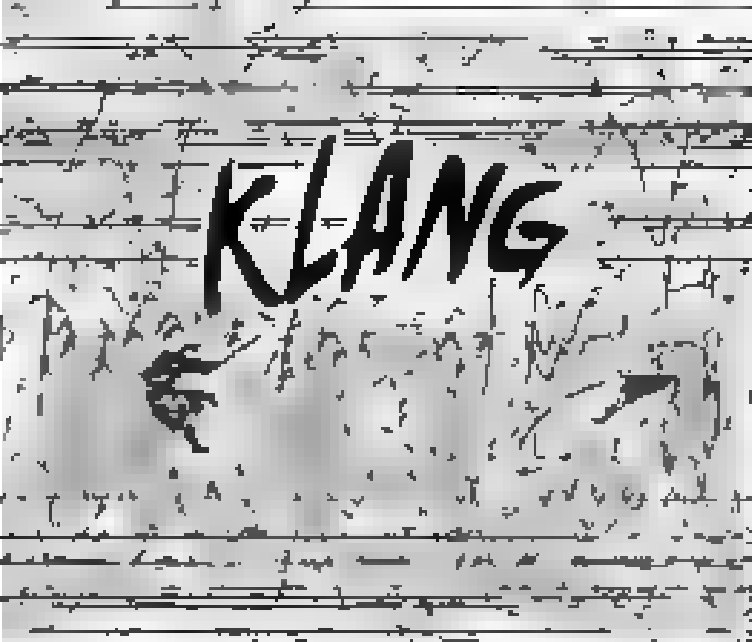
AN ULTIMATE  
OCULAR  
JUTSU THAT  
HOLDS HIS  
FATE WITHIN  
TS GRASP...



ANOTHER!



I'VE  
ALREADY  
LAID THE  
PLAN.



THE  
IZANAMI!!!







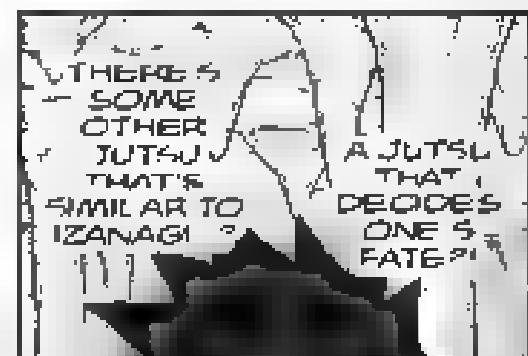
Number 582: Nothing



BUT  
IT'S NOT  
GOING TO  
WORK

**RRRRRK**

I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE  
UP TO.



THERE'S  
SOME  
OTHER  
JUTSU  
THAT'S  
SIMILAR TO  
IZANAGI

A JUTSU  
THAT  
DECIDES  
ONE'S  
FATE?



YOU STILL  
DON'T SEEM TO  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT I AM!

**FW P**

SHOOO

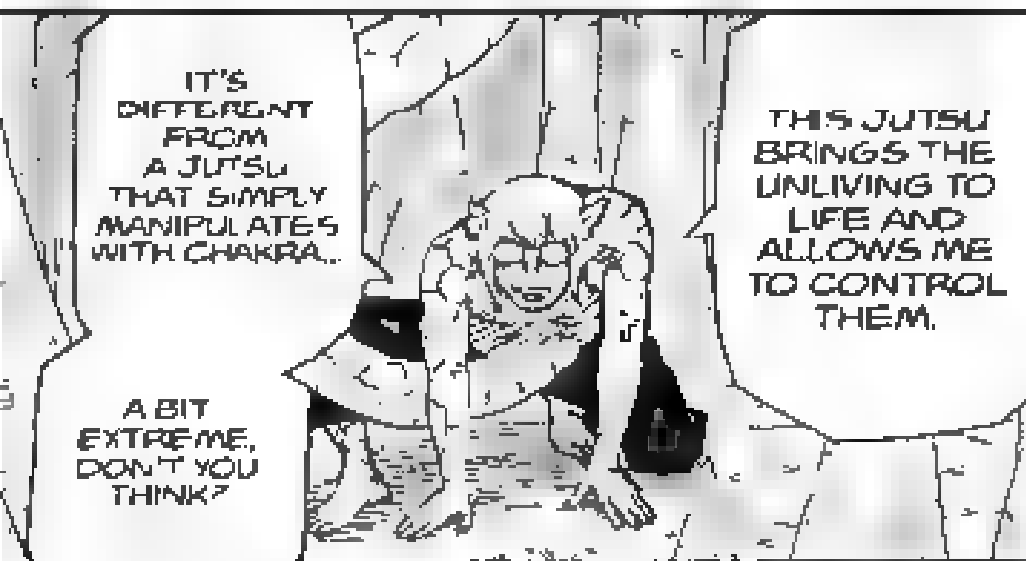
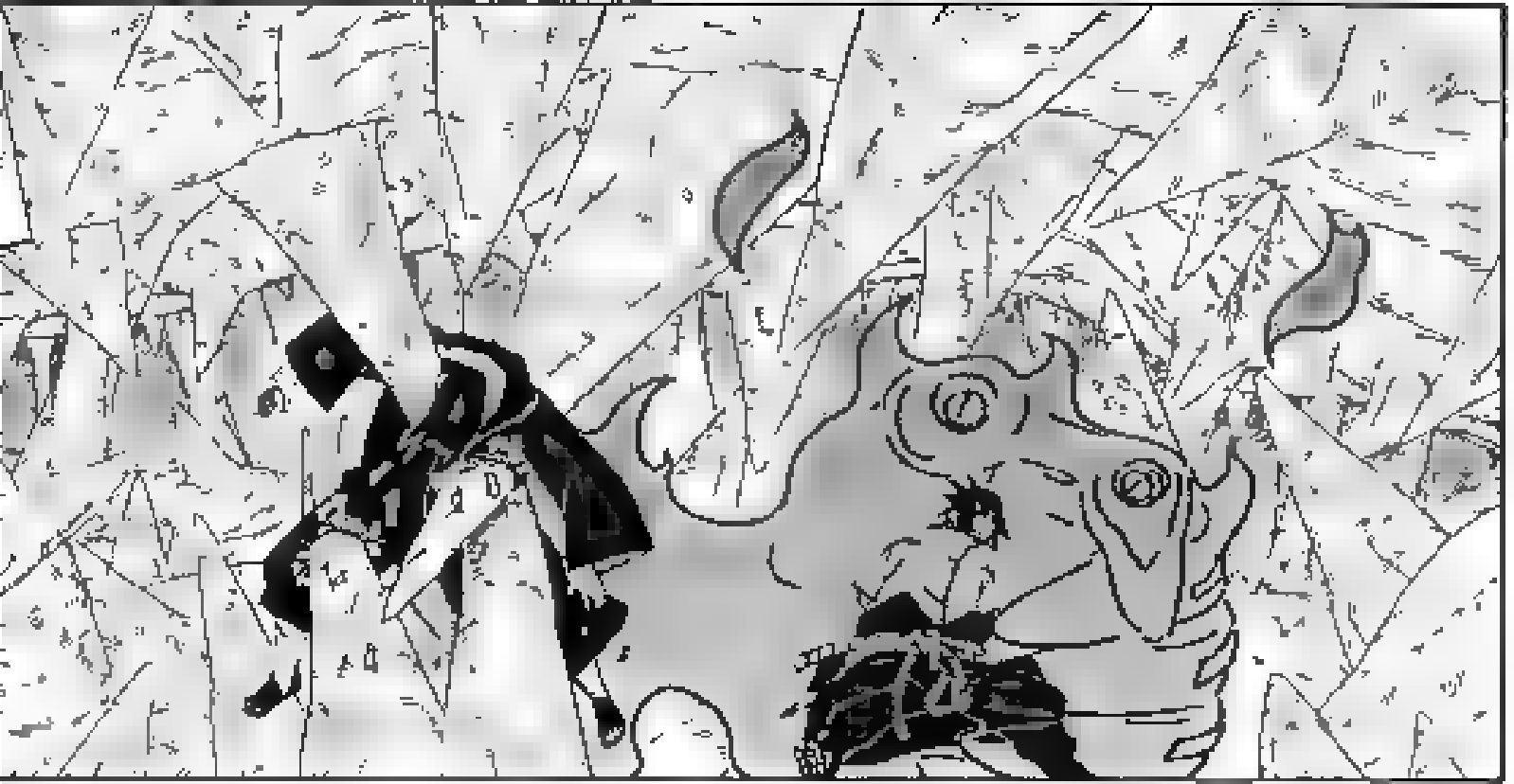
SAGE  
TECHNIQUE!  
INORGANIC  
ANIMATION!!

?!

VVOO

SH

!!









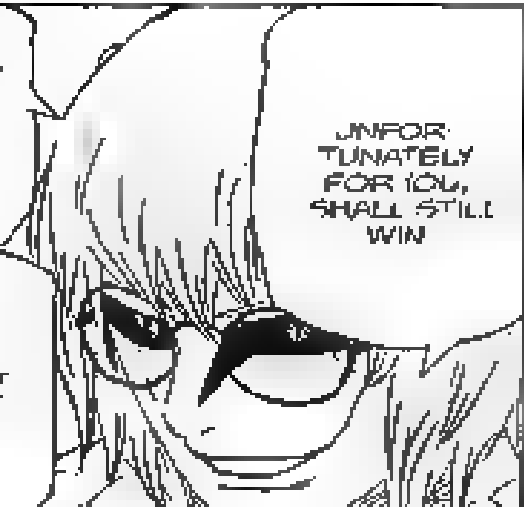
HAVE  
EVOLVED  
FROM  
HUMAN TO  
SNAKE TO  
DRAGON.

ALL THE LAWS  
AND PRINCIPLES  
OF NATURE  
THAT LORD  
OROCHIMARU HAD  
ONCE COMPILED  
AND STUDIED...

...ARE NOW  
STORED AND  
BEING USED  
INSIDE OF ME.

I AM SO NEAR  
THE POINT  
WHERE I CAN  
ACHIEVE AND  
CONTROL  
EVERYTHING.

... THAT  
I JUST DON'T  
SEE MYSELF  
FAILING.




UNFOR-  
TUNATELY  
FOR YOU,  
I SHALL STILL  
WIN



NEXT TO ME,  
UCHIHA ARE  
NOTHING!

I AM THE  
CLOSEST  
THING IN THIS  
WORLD TO THE  
SAGE OF SIX  
PATHS...



...IT'S LIKE  
LOOKING  
AT MY  
FORMER  
SELF

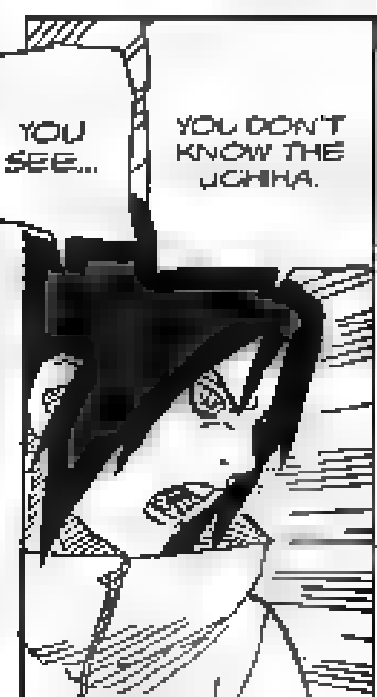
KABUTO  
WHEN  
LOOK AT  
YOU...



...



!



YOU  
SEE...

YOU DON'T  
KNOW THE  
UCHIHA.



HAD THE  
AKATSUKI AT MY  
BECK AND CALL  
MANIPULATED  
THE WAR  
TO MY  
ADVANTAGE  
CORNERED  
THE UCHIMA  
BROTHERS.

AM NOT  
JUST A  
PLAYER. I  
OWN THIS  
WAR.



AND  
THAT IS  
WHY YOU  
WILL  
LOSE

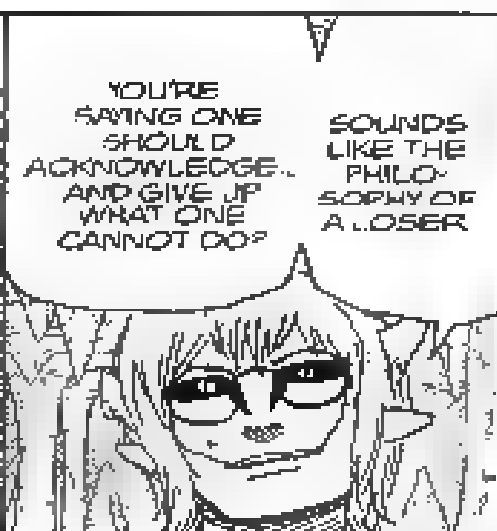


....!

WE BOTH  
LIVED AS  
SPIES, AS  
LIARS.



I HATE  
YOU BUT I  
UNDERSTAND  
YOU.

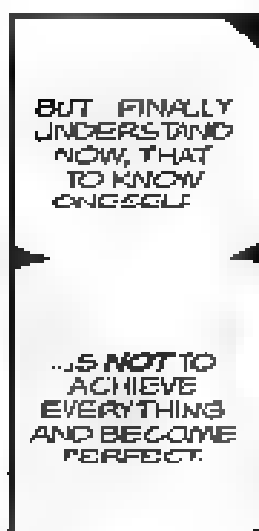


YOU'RE  
SAVING ONE  
SHOULD  
ACKNOWLEDGE...  
AND GIVE UP  
WHAT ONE  
CANNOT DO?

SOUNDS  
LIKE THE  
PHILO-  
SOPHY OF  
A LOSER



IT IS TO KNOW  
WHAT ONE IS  
AND ISN'T  
CAPABLE OF.



BUT FINALLY  
UNDERSTAND  
NOW, THAT  
TO KNOW  
ONCESELF

...IS NOT TO  
ACHIEVE  
EVERYTHING  
AND BECOME  
PERFECT.



DIDN'T  
KNOW WHO  
OR WHAT  
WAS AT ONE  
POINT,  
EITHER



AND ALSO  
YOU SHOULD  
NEVER  
IGNORE  
THINGS ONE  
COULD STILL  
ACCOMPLISH.

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU  
CANNOT DO  
EVERYTHING  
YOURSELF,  
THAT YOU  
HAVE  
COMRADES  
WHO CAN  
HELP YOU.

IT IS TO  
BECOME  
ABLE TO  
FORGIVE  
ONESELF.

..FOR THE  
THINGS ONE  
CANNOT DO  
ONESELF.

NO.



...

I LIED TO  
EVERYONE  
AROUND ME  
I LIED TO  
MYSELF.  
I WAS  
DELUDED.

I  
MYSELF  
FAILED  
AT  
THAT



YOU  
NEED TO  
REEXAMINE  
AND  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
YOUR  
TRUE SELF.

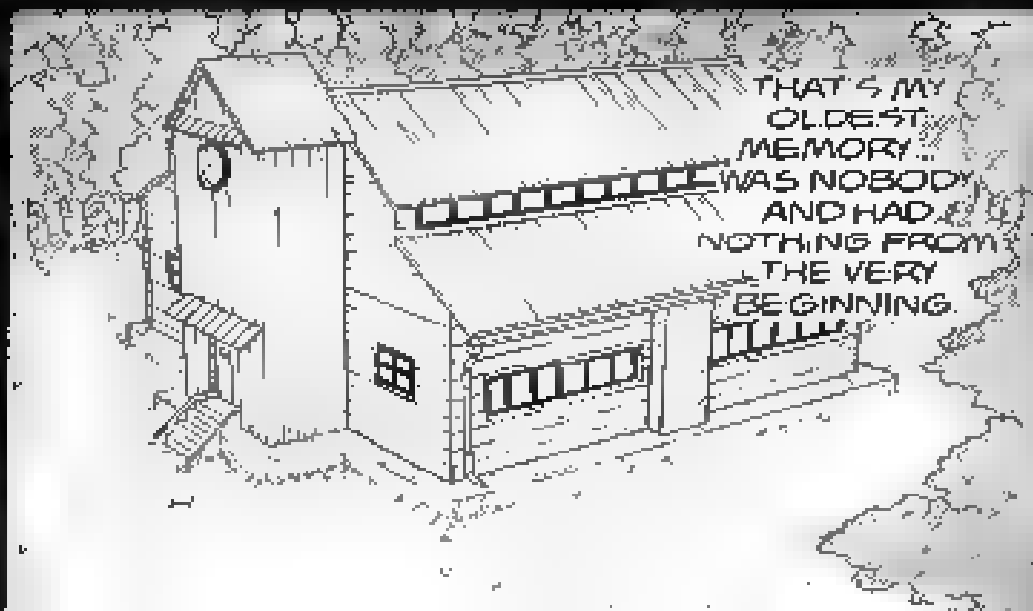
IF YOU  
REALLY  
WANT  
TO KNOW  
WHAT YOU  
ARE..

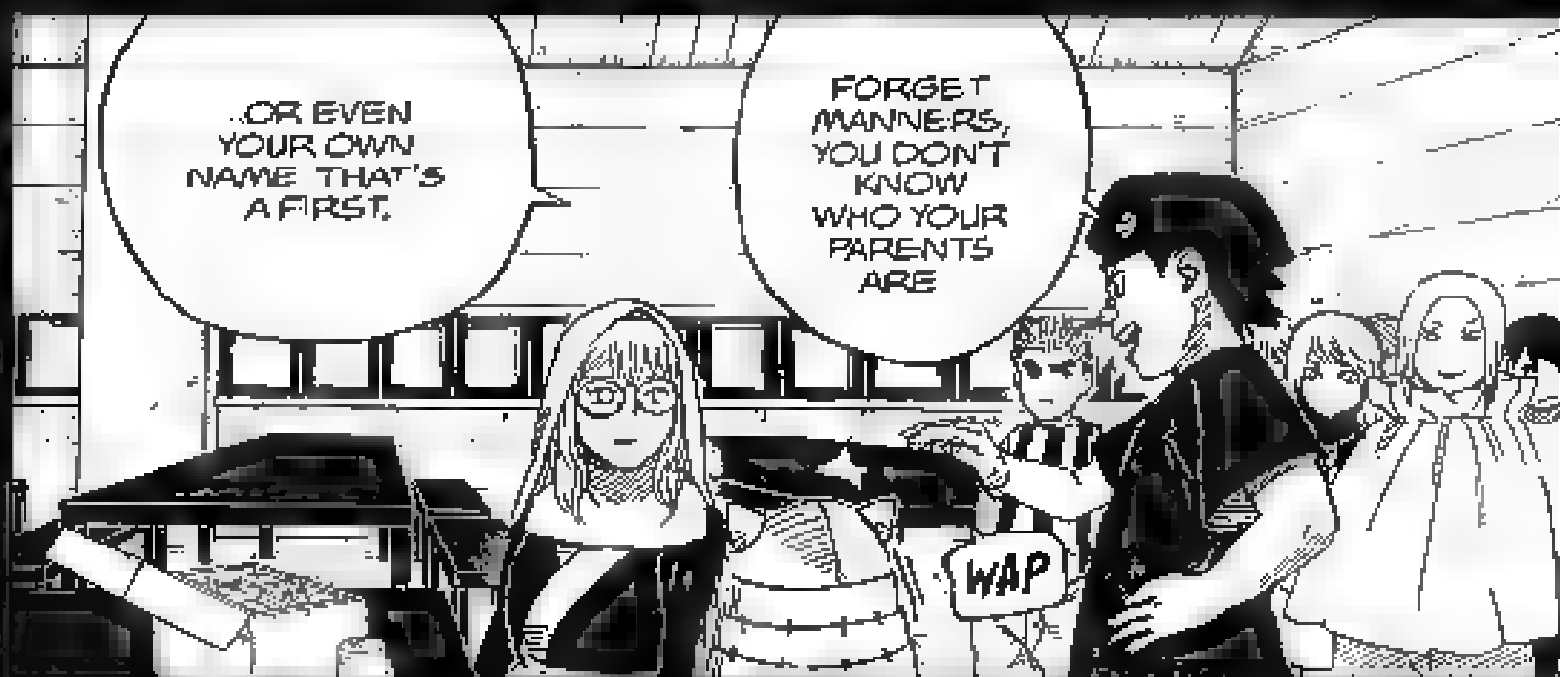


JUST  
LIKE I DID.

THOSE WHO  
CANNOT  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
THEMSELVES  
SHALL FALL.









WHAT ABOUT... KABUTO? AS IN HELMET!



THAT'S TRUE. WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD ONE?

BUT IT'S REAL INCONVENIENT THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE A NAME...

PAT



HAHA...



IT'S BEST NOT TO OVER-THINK THINGS, SOME-TIMES.

YOU CALLED IT JUST HOW HE LOOKS!

DIDN'T THINK TOO HARD ON THAT ONE...

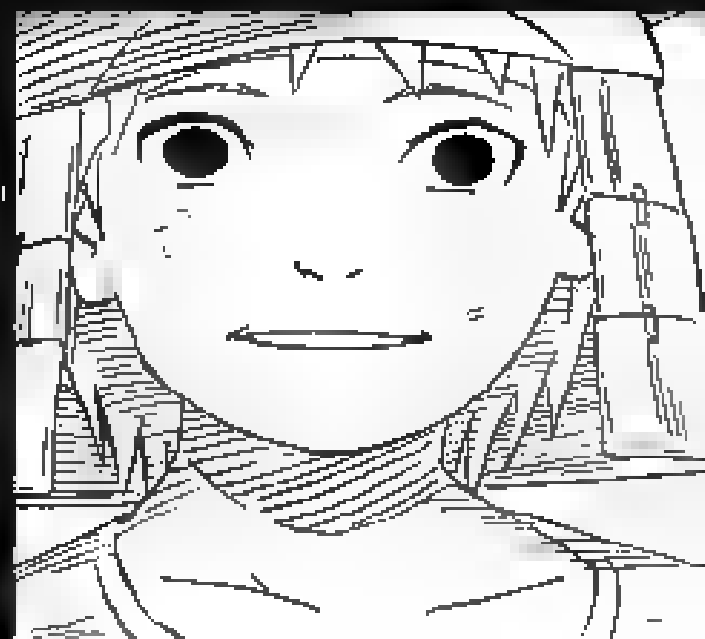
SO SIMPLE!!



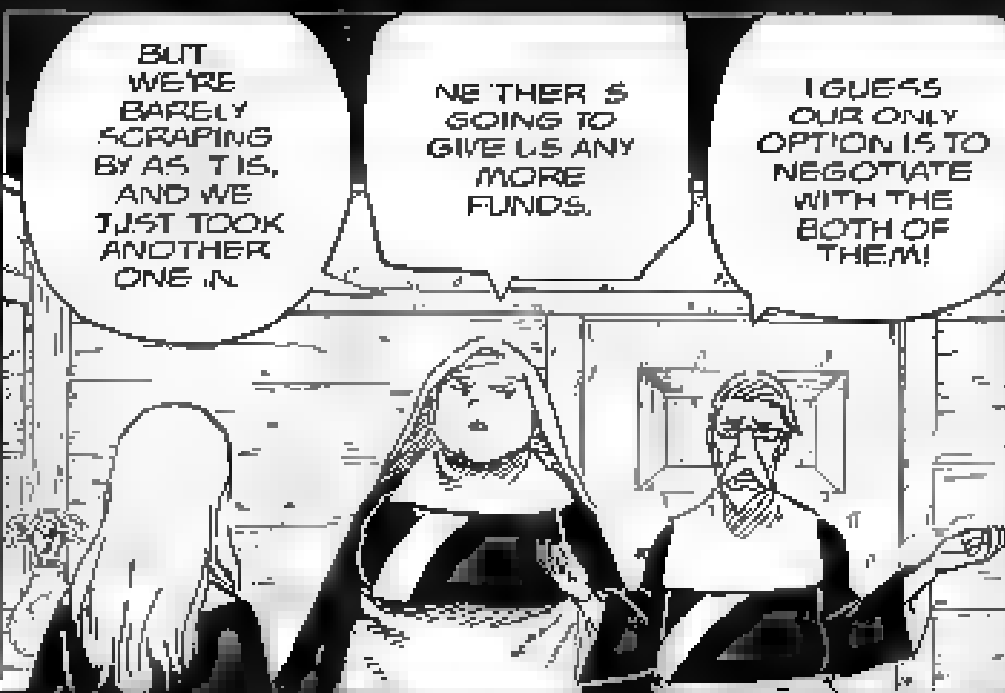
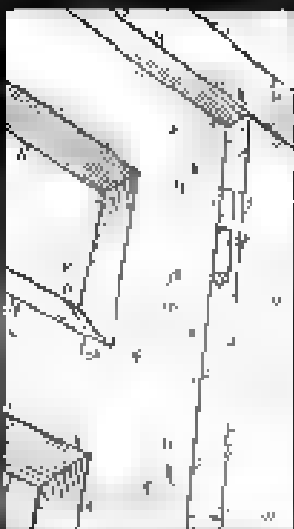
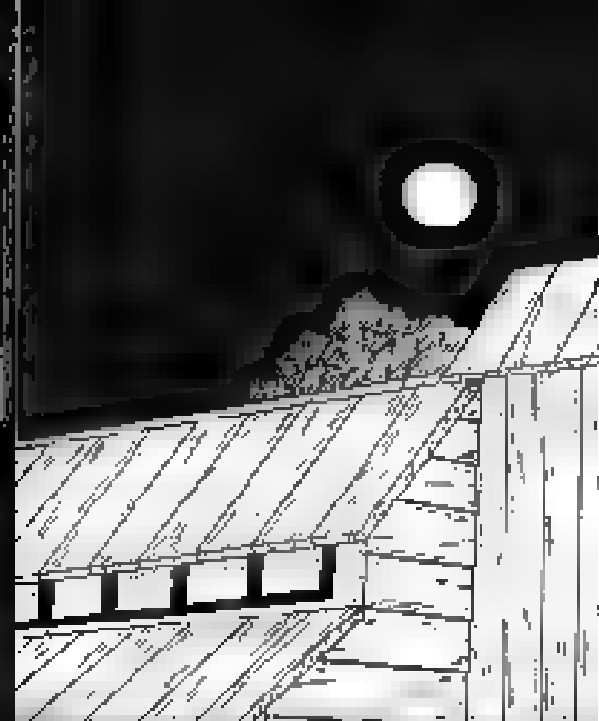
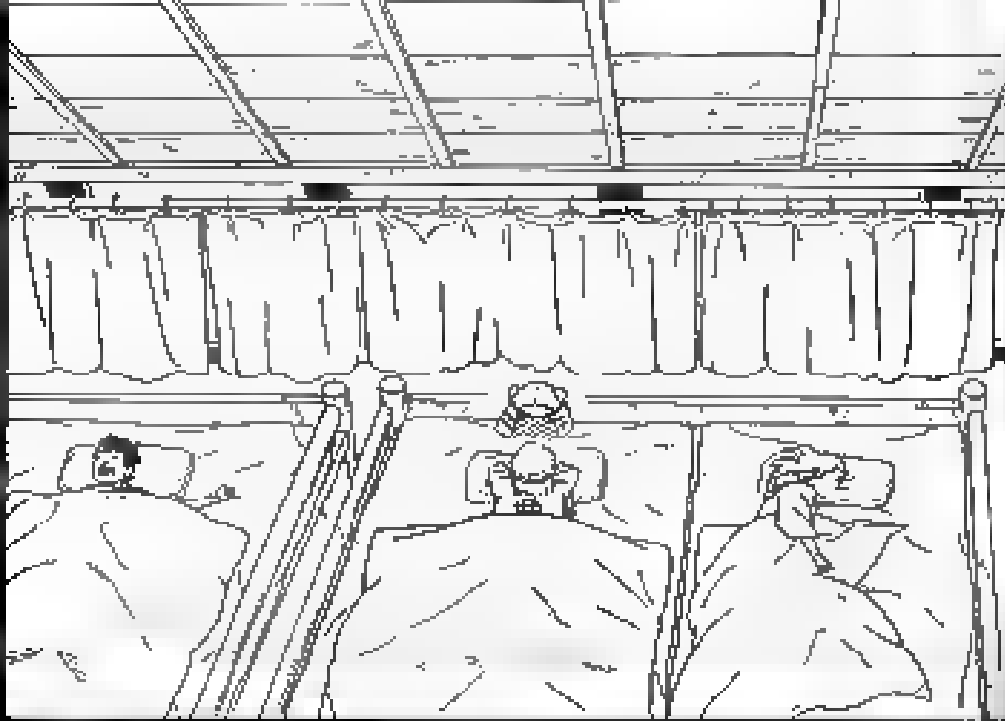
OH, GOOD..

HEY! HE JUST SMILED!

HE LIKES HIS NAME!







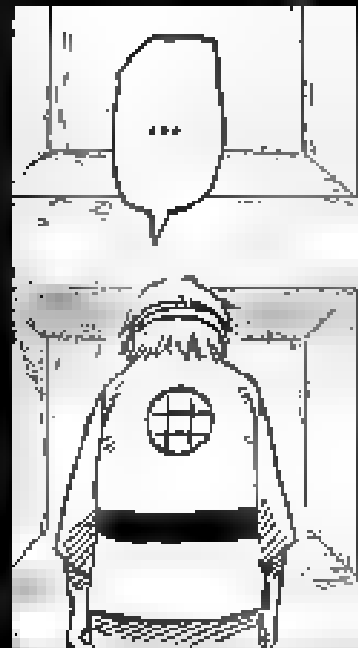
BUT WE'RE BARELY SCRAPING BY AS IT IS, AND WE JUST TOOK ANOTHER ONE IN.

NEITHER'S GOING TO GIVE US ANY MORE FUNDS.

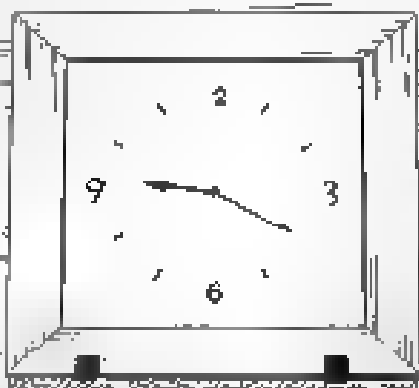
I GUESS OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE BOTH OF THEM!



WE CAN'T GET BY ON JUST THE ASSISTANCE MONEY FROM NATION AND THE VILLAGE ANYMORE..



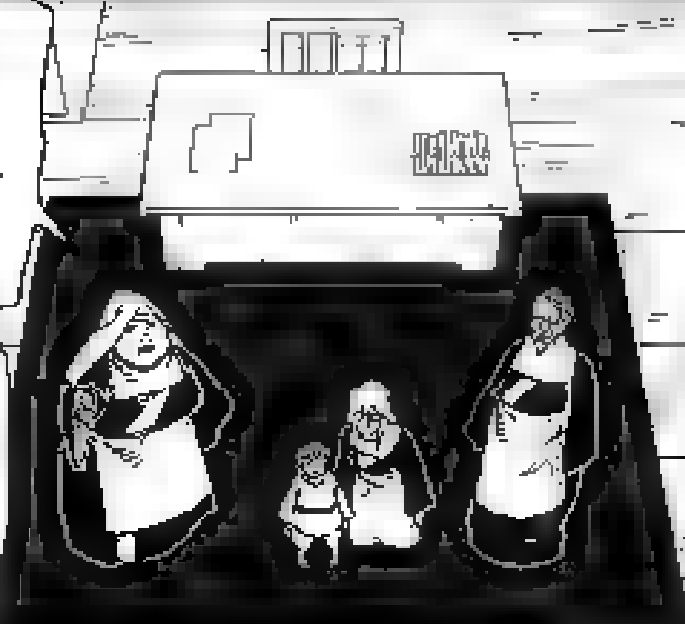
IT'S 20  
MINUTES  
PAST  
LIGHTS-  
OUT TIME!



COME,  
LOOK  
HERE AT  
THIS  
CLOCK!

WHICH  
MAKES  
LIGHTS-  
OUT WHAT  
TIME?

LET'S  
LEARN  
THIS  
RIGHT  
NOW!



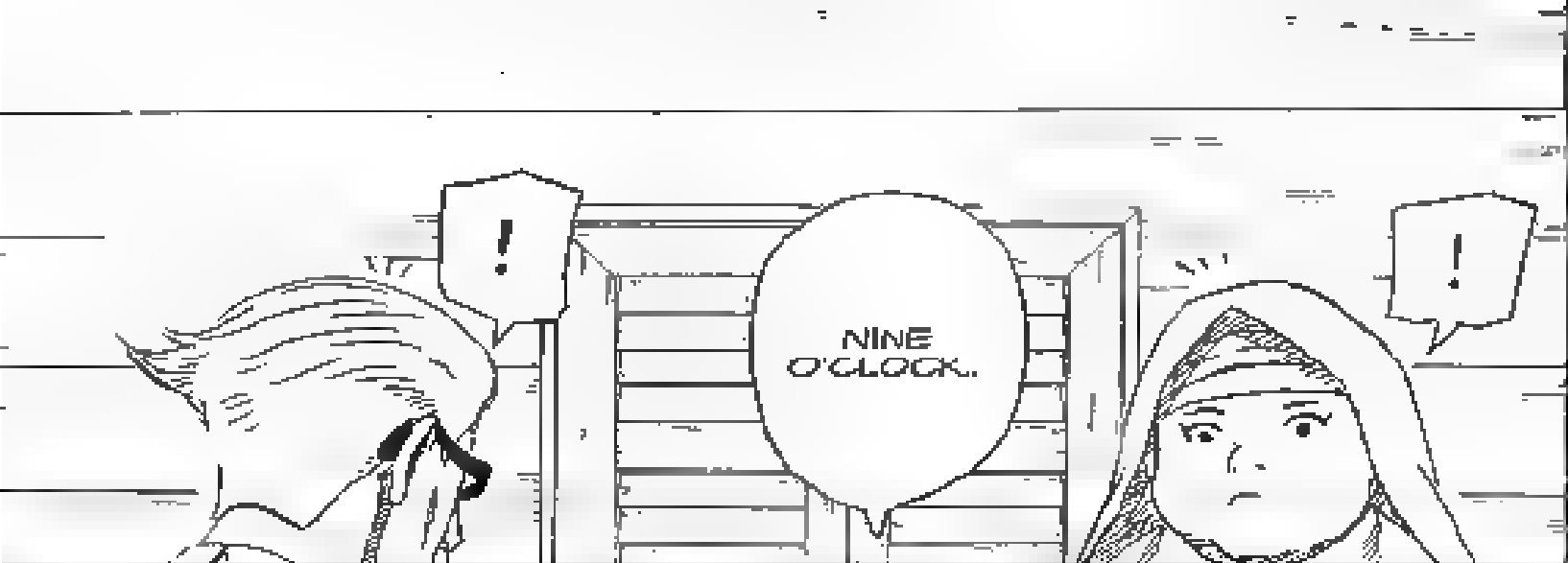
WELL,  
WHAT  
TIME  
IS IT?

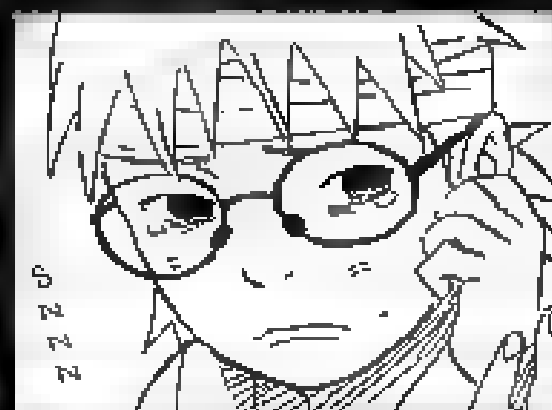
SAY IT OUT  
LOUD SO  
YOU CAN  
REMEMBER  
IT!

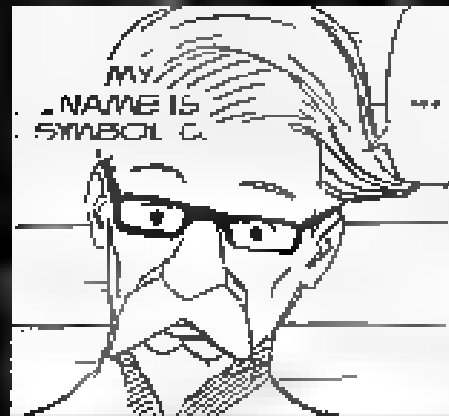
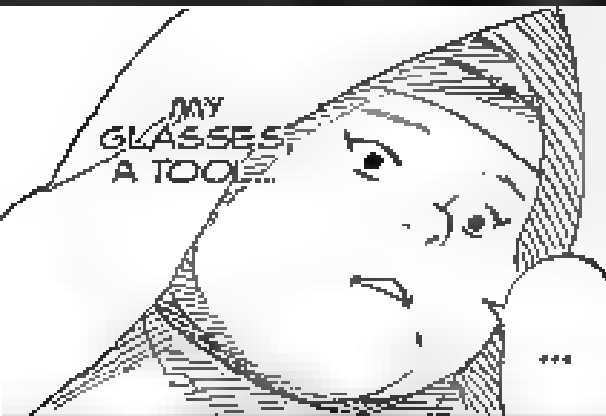
THIS CHILD IS  
STILL YOUNG...  
IT'S NOT HIS  
FAULT HE CAN'T  
READ A CLOCK,  
MUCH LESS DO  
CALCULATIONS

LET'S  
JUST  
CALL IT  
A DAY

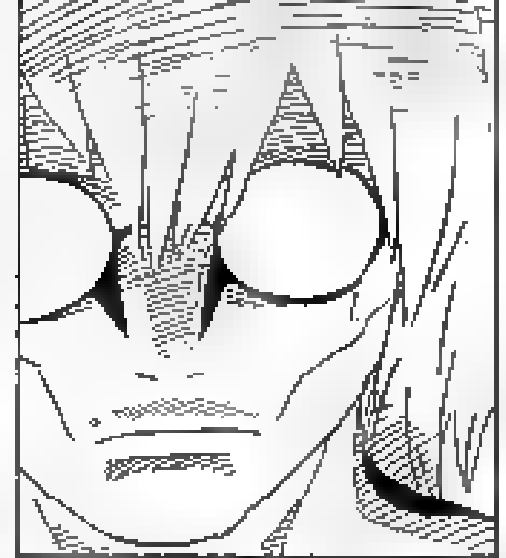
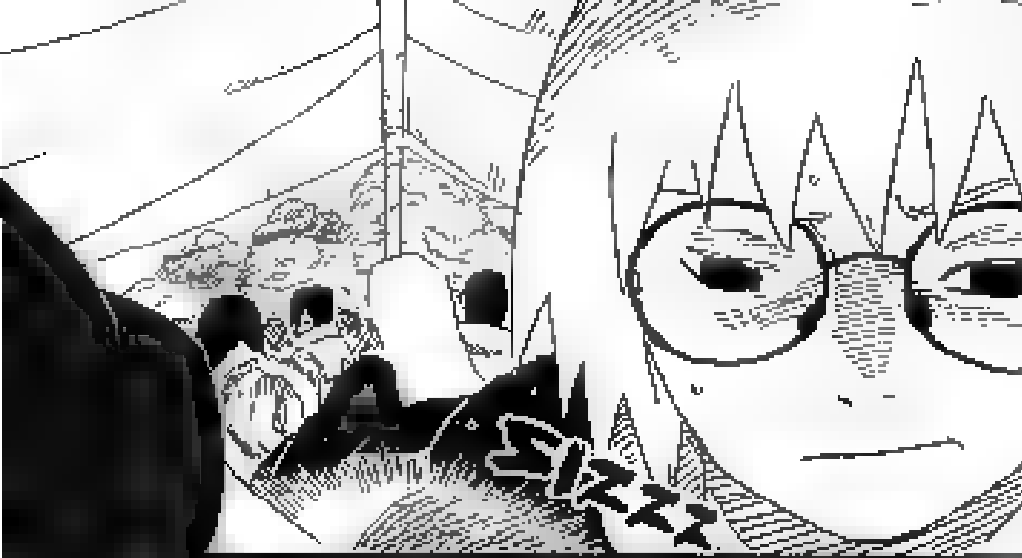
















### Number 583: Who Are You?



I JUST WANT TO  
HELP EARN THE  
MONEY FOR THE  
ORPHANAGE TO  
STAY OPEN SO  
CAN STAY AND  
HELP MOTHER  
WITH HER WORK.

NO, BUT  
THANK  
YOU.



SO, THE  
WANDERING  
NUN IS NOW  
JUST A  
BABYSITTER.

SHE'S DONE  
SO MUCH  
FOR ME...  
AND ALL I'VE  
DONE IS BUY  
HER NEW  
GLASSES.

...  
REALLY  
WHAT A  
SHAME.



YOU  
SEEM A  
BIT TRED,  
NONOU.

SEEING  
YOU AGAIN  
AFTER SO  
LONG...



I KNOW  
TALKS WITH  
KONOKHA  
FOR AID  
MONEY WERE  
CONCLUDED  
ALREADY.. SO  
WHY ARE YOU  
HERE.. ?

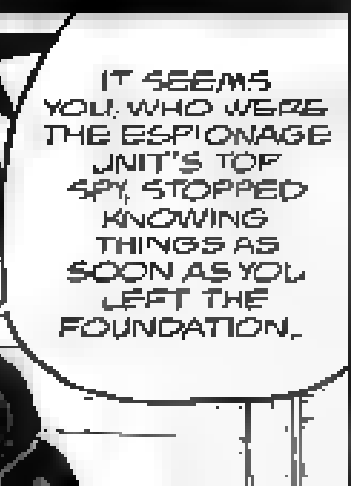
CAS  
T ASIDE  
THAT NAME  
LONG AGO.



IN THIS  
TIME OF WAR,  
WE HAVE  
OBTAINED  
INTEL THAT  
MAGAKURE IS  
PLOTTING  
SOME LARGE-  
SCALE  
OPERATION



WE  
DID NOT  
COME HERE  
ONLY IN  
REGARD  
TO THE AID  
MONEY.



IT SEEMS  
YOU, WHO WERE  
THE ESPIONAGE  
UNIT'S TOP  
SPY, STOPPED  
KNOWING  
THINGS AS  
SOON AS YOU  
LEFT THE  
FOUNDATION.



IT WILL  
LIKELY BE  
A LONG-  
TERM  
MISSION.

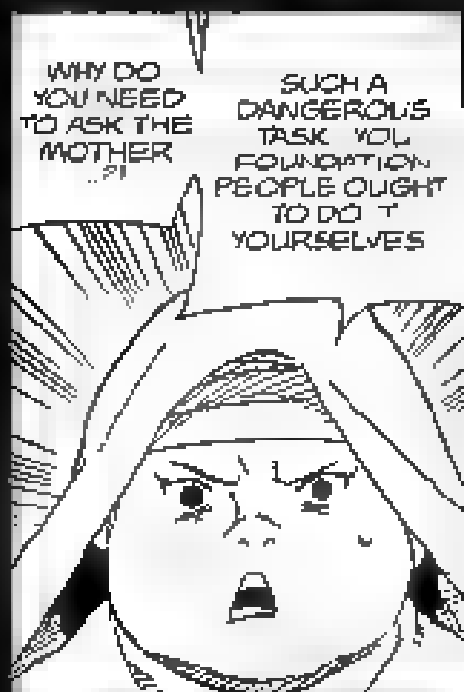
AND IF  
IT DOES  
TURN OUT  
TO BE  
TRUE...

.. YOU ARE TO  
INVESTIGATE  
AND REPORT  
TO US  
WHAT THIS  
OPERATION  
ENTAILS AND  
WHEN AND  
WHERE IT  
WILL OCCUR.



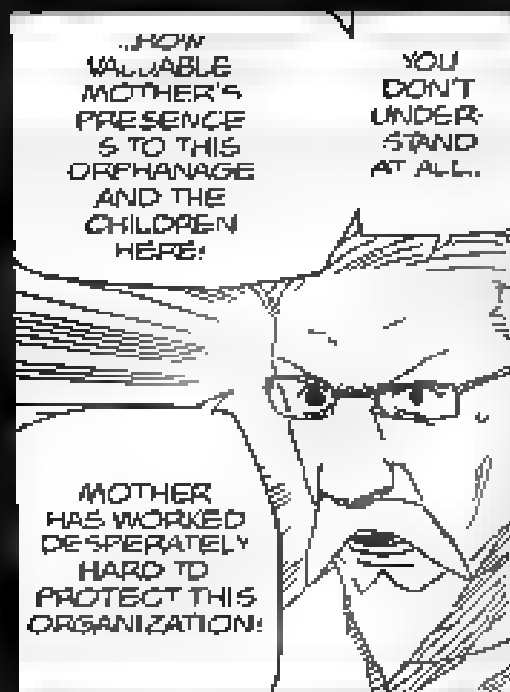
WE WANT  
YOU TO  
INFILTRATE  
MAGAKURE..

.. AND FIND  
OUT IF THAT  
INFORMATION  
IS CORRECT  
OR NOT



WHY DO  
YOU NEED  
TO ASK THE  
MOTHER  
..?

SUCH A  
DANGEROUS  
TASK YOU  
FOUNDATION  
PEOPLE OUGHT  
TO DO IT  
YOURSELVES



..HOW  
VALUABLE  
MOTHER'S  
PRESENCE  
S TO THIS  
ORPHANAGE  
AND THE  
CHILDREN  
HERE!

YOU  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
AT ALL..

MOTHER  
HAS WORKED  
DESPERATELY  
HARD TO  
PROTECT THIS  
ORGANIZATION!



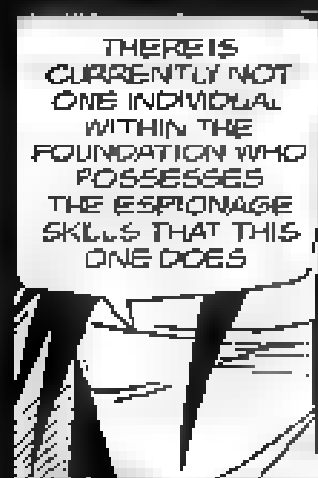
YOU'VE  
COME  
TO THE  
WRONG  
WOMAN.

AM NO  
LONGER

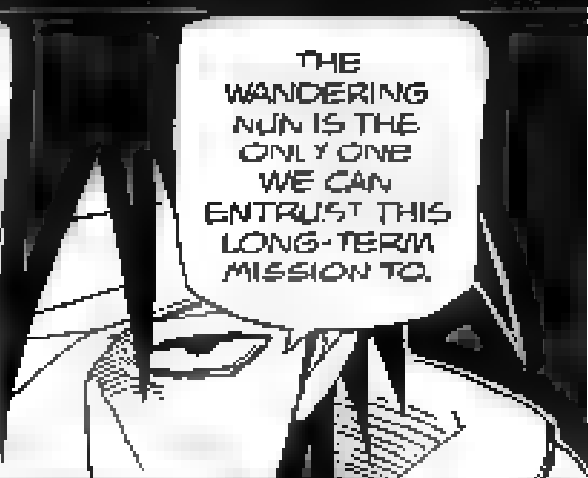


BUT KNOW  
THAT SHE IS NOT  
A KUNDICHI WHO  
WOULD EVER  
SELL KONDHA  
OUT


MOST EITHER  
BREAK OR END  
UP SWITCHING  
ALLEGIANCES.



THERE IS  
CURRENTLY NOT  
ONE INDIVIDUAL  
WITHIN THE  
FOUNDATION WHO  
POSSESSES  
THE ESPIONAGE  
SKILLS THAT THIS  
ONE DOES



THE  
WANDERING  
NUN IS THE  
ONLY ONE  
WE CAN  
ENTRUST THIS  
LONG-TERM  
MISSION TO.



BUT! WE'VE  
ALREADY  
RECEIVED THE  
THIRD LORD  
HOKAGE'S  
ASSURANCE!

THERE'S NO  
WAY THIS WILL  
BE ALLOWED!

FROM YOUR  
EXPRESSION,  
I CAN TELL  
YOU'VE  
ALREADY  
GUESSED  
IT. NONOU.

THAT'S RIGHT!  
IF YOU REFUSE  
MONEY WILL  
STOP COMING  
INTO THE  
ORPHANAGE.

CHILDREN  
WITH NO  
PAST OR  
FAMILY ARE  
WORTH  
SOMETHING,  
YOU KNOW...

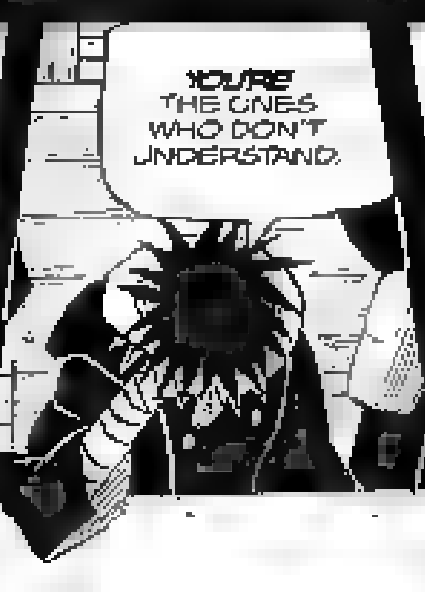
WHILE  
YOU'RE AT IT,  
TAKE CARE  
THAT YOUR  
CHILDREN  
NOT GET  
SNATCHED,  
EITHER.

RECOMMEND  
YOU HIRE A  
GUARD OR TWO  
TO PREVENT  
YOUR MONEY  
FROM GETTING  
STOLEN.

THIS  
ORPHANAGE  
LOOKS EASY  
TO BREAK  
INTO AND  
PLUNDER.

THAT IS,  
IF YOU  
CAN  
AFFORD  
IT.

?!  


YOU'RE  
THE ONES  
WHO DON'T  
UNDERSTAND.  


YOU ALL ARE  
DASTARDLY!!  


HOW DARE  
YOU CALL  
YOURSELVES  
SHINOBI!!



MOTHER

I  
ACCEDE ...



YOU REALLY  
AREN'T SUITED  
FOR THE  
FOUNDATION  
AFTER ALL.

IT'S COME  
TO THIS  
BECAUSE  
YOU  
COULDN'T  
KILL YOUR  
EMOTIONS.



HOW  
DARE  
YOU....!



IT'S A  
SMALL  
PRICE  
TO PAY ..

..FOR THE  
WELL-BEING  
OF KONOKA.





HOW FAR WILL YOU GO...?!!

I TOLD YOU I WOULD ACCEPT THE MISSION!!



!!

!! I'LL TAKE ONE OF THESE CHILDREN TO REPLACE THEM

I'VE ALREADY LOST A SUBORDINATE OBTAINING THIS INTEL.



YOU OUGHT TO ASK THEM TO CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES. I CAN AT LEAST GIVE YOU THAT.

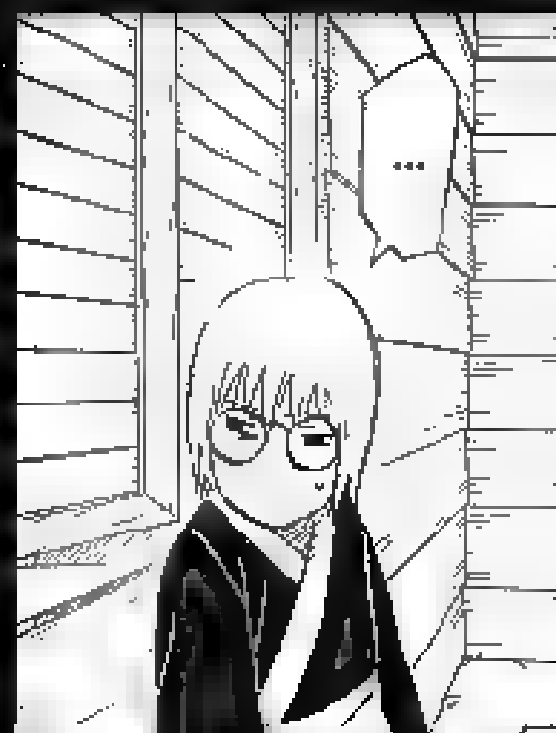
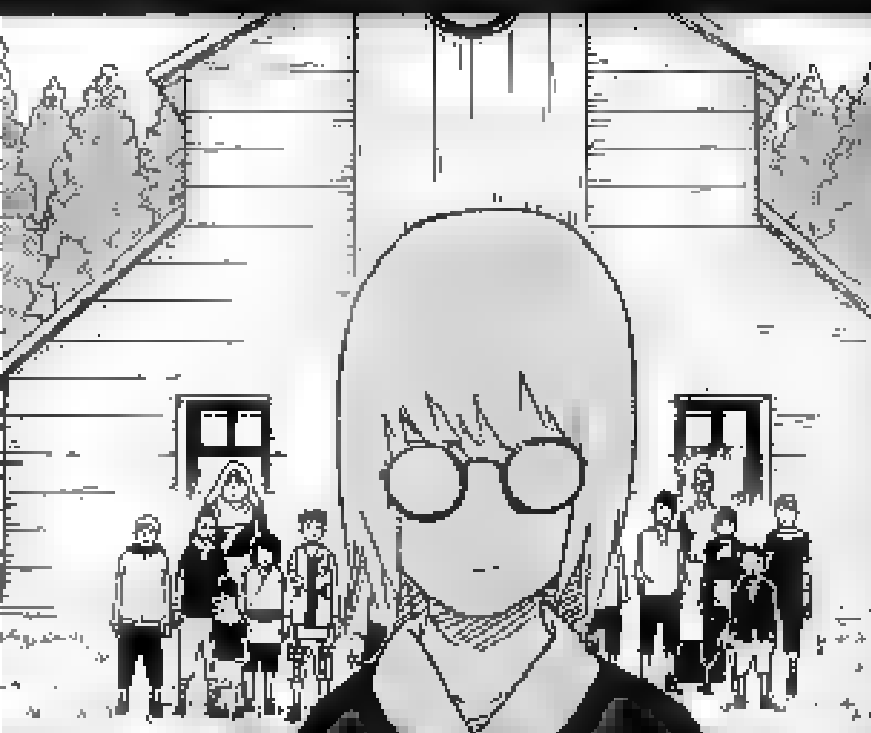
IT'S NOT SO BAD. SOME CHILDREN ACTUALLY WISH TO BE SHINOBI AFTER ALL.



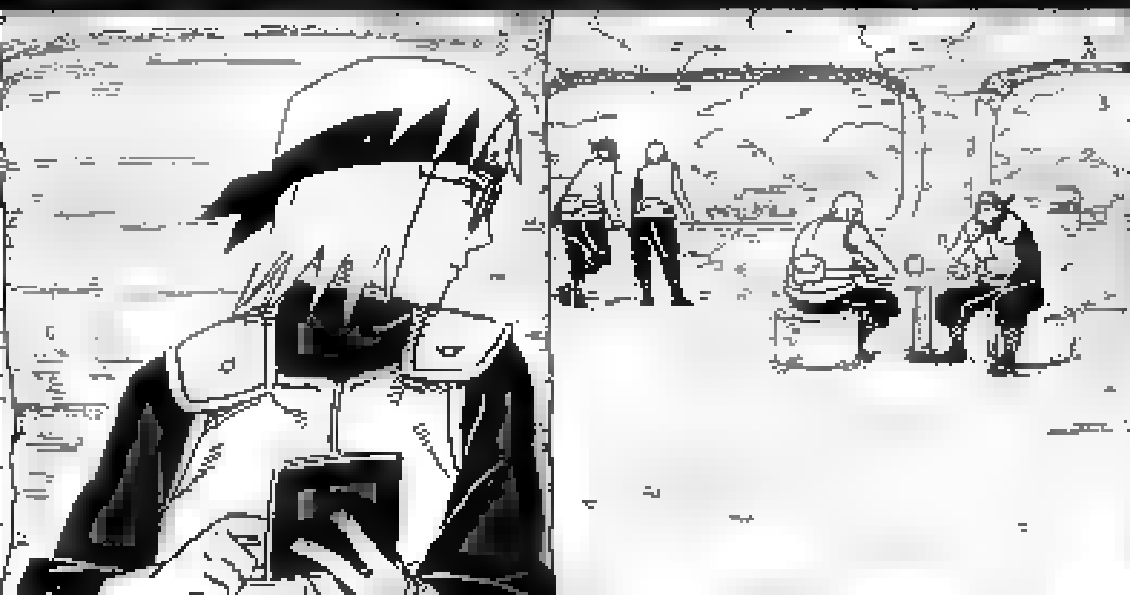
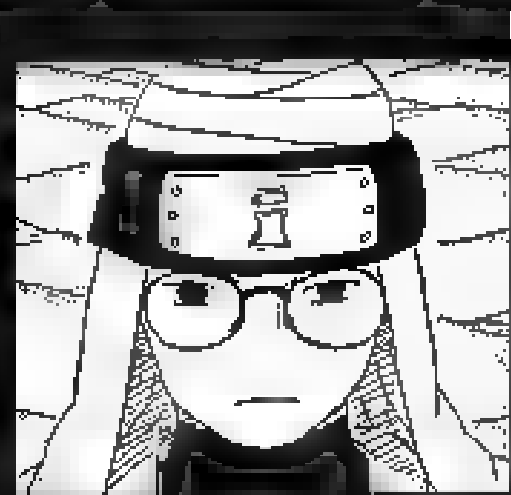
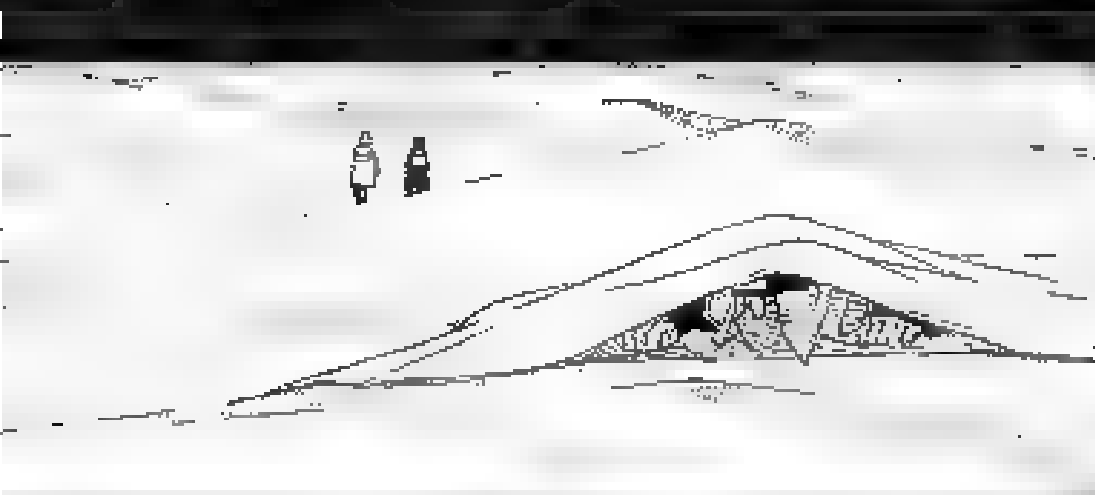
YOUR MISSION SHALL COVER SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS.

THIS IS A SEPARATE MATTER.

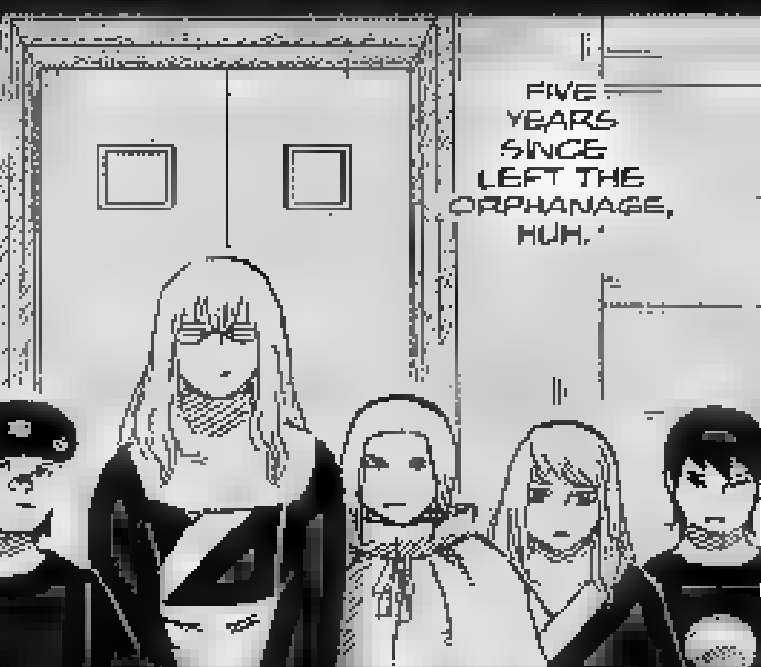
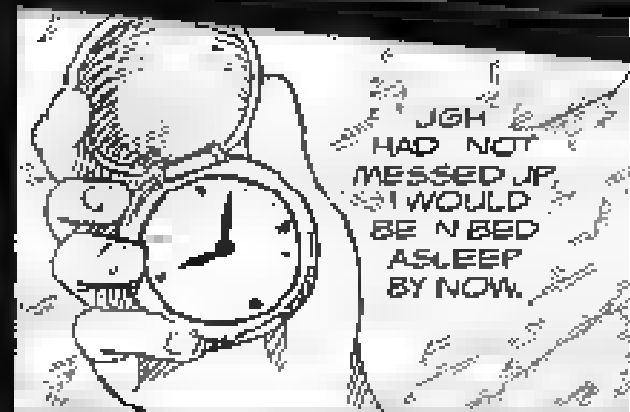
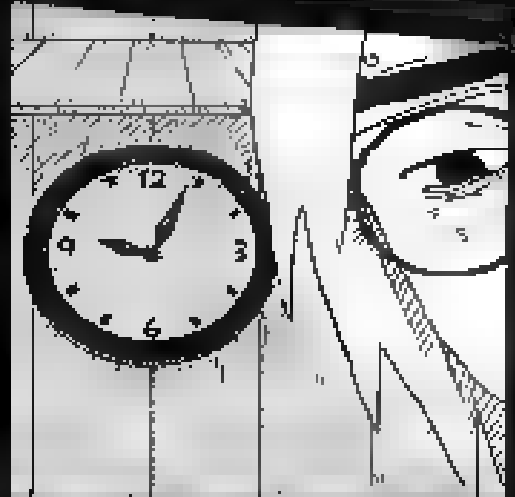
BUT THIS CURRENT ONE IS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CHILD.



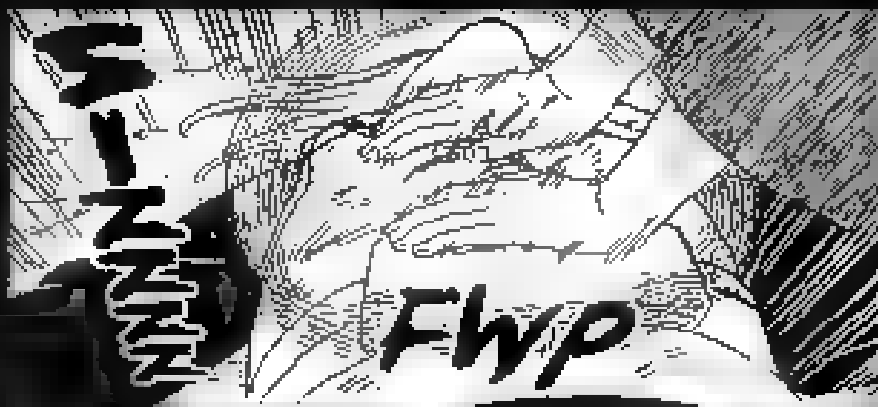
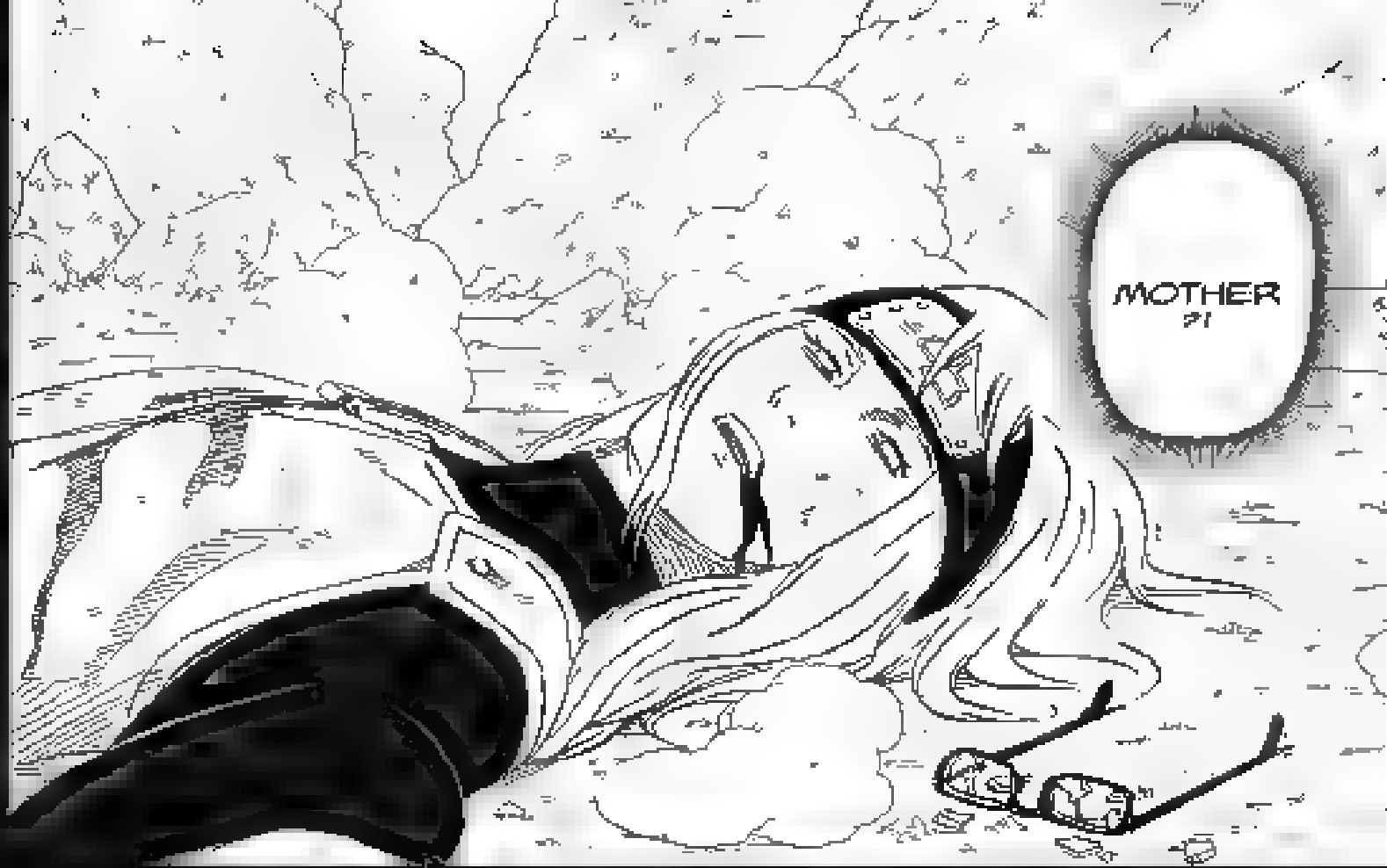


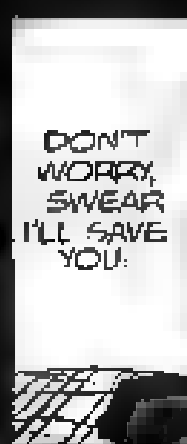
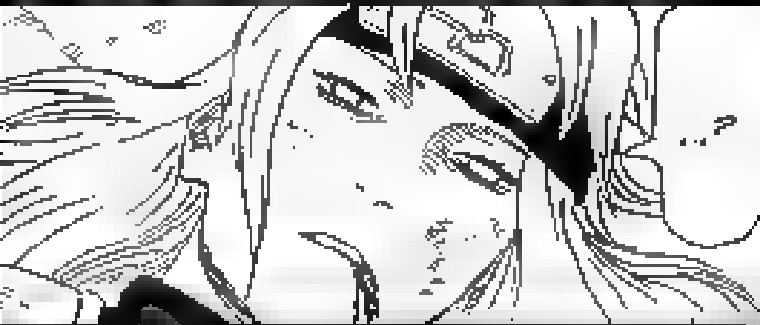


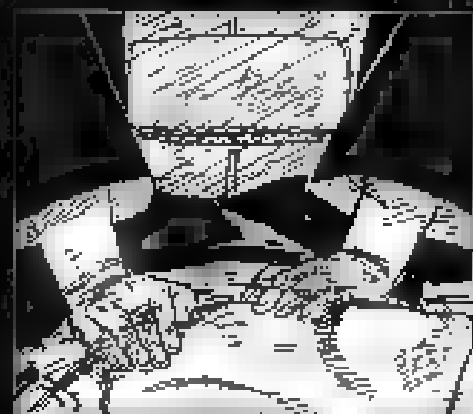


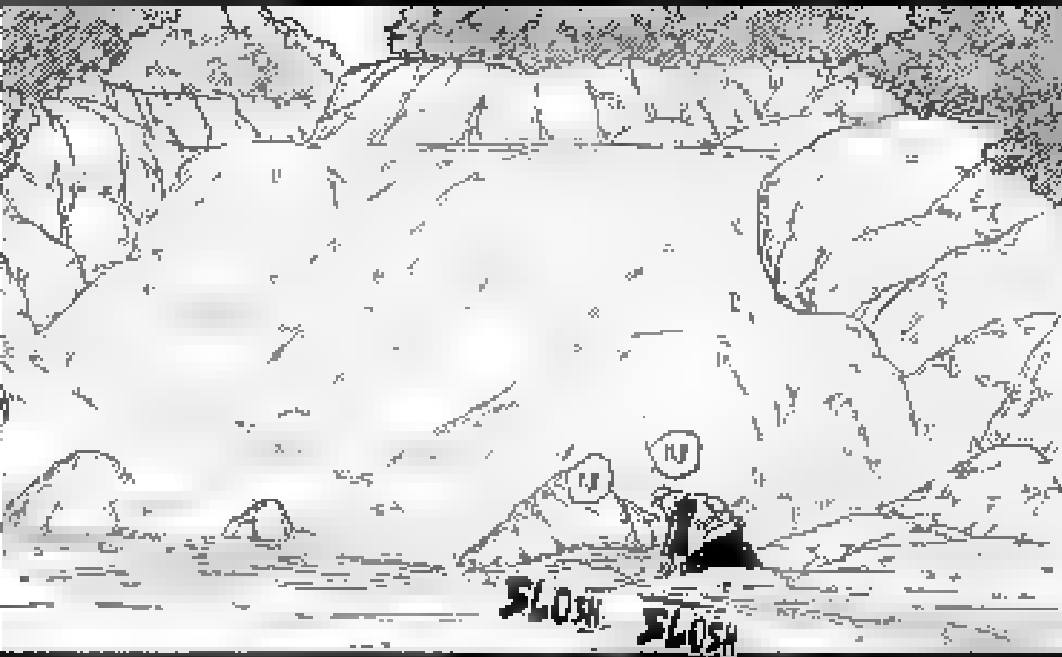


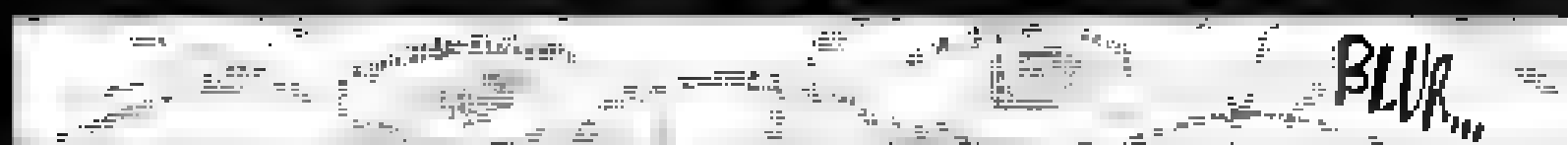


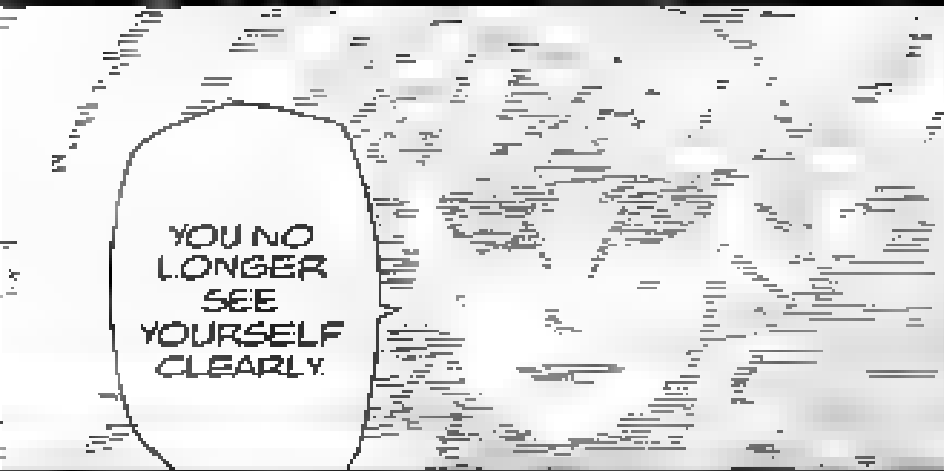














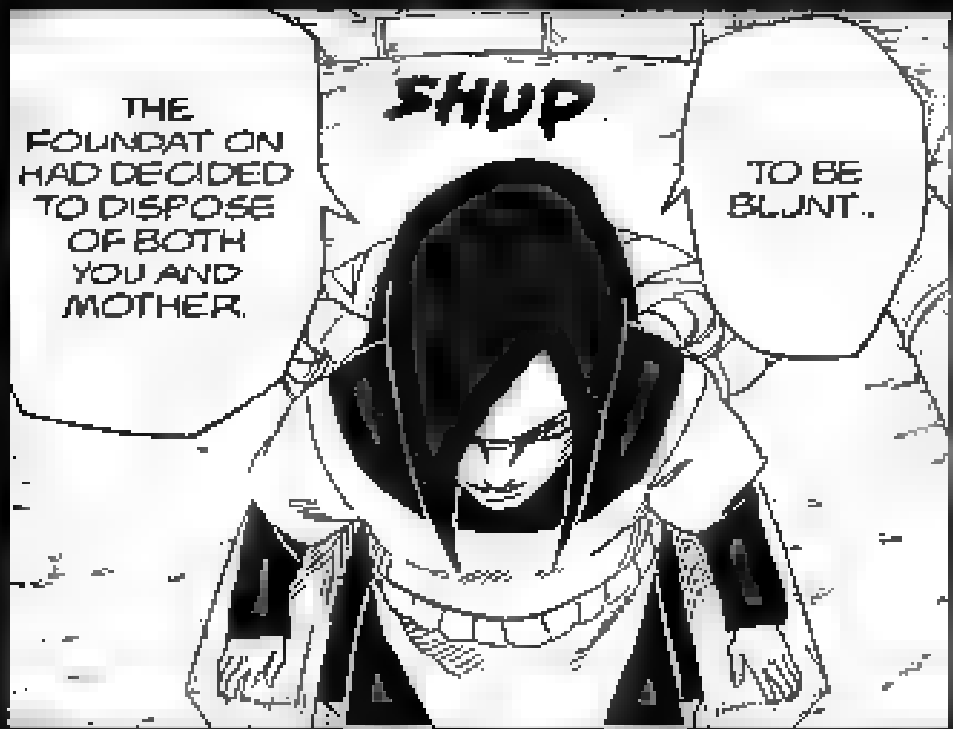


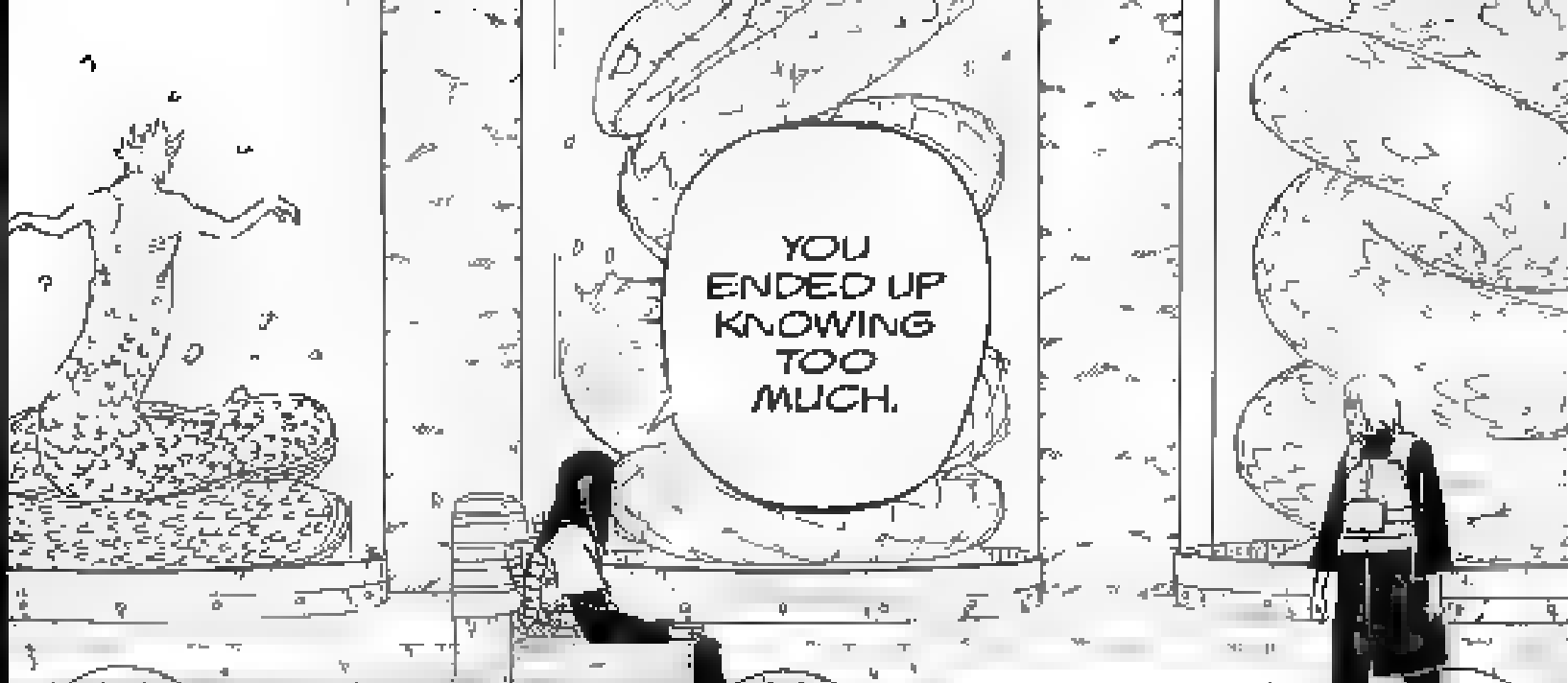


## Number 584: Yakushi Kabuto









THAT YOU  
TWO WOULD  
EVENTUALLY  
END UP AS  
SO

ALTHOUGH  
IT HAD  
BEEN  
DECIDED  
FROM THE  
GET-GO...

IT WAS  
ALSO IN  
THE SCRIPT  
FOR YOU TO  
KILL EACH  
OTHER IN A  
MUTUAL  
STRIKE.



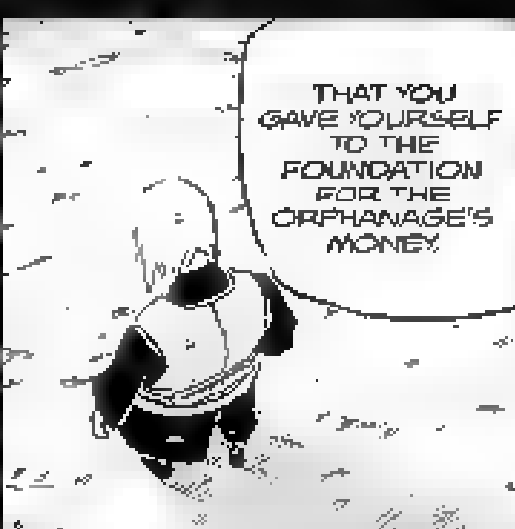
IN SOME CASES,  
INFORMATION CAN  
POSSESS MORE  
MIGHT THAN  
POWERFUL JUTSU  
OR WEAPONS...

AT THIS POINT,  
YOU ARE  
CONSIDERED  
DANGEROUS  
ENTITIES.



...BUT!

THEY MADE  
US RISK  
OUR LIVES  
FOR SO  
LONG TO  
GATHER  
INTEL FOR  
OUR  
VILLAGE...  
AND THIS IS  
WHAT WE  
GET ?!!




THAT YOU  
GAVE YOURSELF  
TO THE  
FOUNDATION  
FOR THE  
ORPHANAGE'S  
MONEY.



DANZO  
REVEALED TO  
MOTHER THE  
REAL REASON  
WHY YOU HAD  
LEFT.

RIGHT  
AFTER YOU  
LEFT THE  
ORPHANAGE..




BUT THAT  
ASSASSINATION  
TARGET WAS  
ACTUALLY YOU.

IT'S  
QUITE  
RONIC...

?!



MOTHER  
WISHED TO  
LIBERATE  
YOU FROM  
THE  
FOUNDATION.



ASA  
CONDITION  
OF  
ACCEPTING  
HER WISH.

DANZO  
ORDERED  
HER SEVERAL  
YEARS AGO TO  
ASSASSINATE A  
CERTAIN MAN.



DON'T  
GET IT?

AND WHY  
DIDNT  
MOTHER  
REALIZE IT  
WAS ME?


THOUGHT  
IT WAS THE  
CONDITION  
FOR MY  
RELEASE?!



FWAP



TRICKERY  
?!



AND THERE  
WAS OTHER  
TRICKERY  
AFOOT  
TOO.

I TOLD  
YOU. THE  
FOUNDATION  
INTENDED FOR  
YOU TWO TO  
TAKE EACH  
OTHER OUT.



...WOULD NEVER  
MEET, AND MOTHER  
WAS KEPT  
INFORMED OF YOUR  
WELL-BEING AND  
PROGRESS VIA  
PHOTOS.

YOU AND  
MOTHER WERE  
SENT INTO  
SEPARATE  
ENEMY  
TERRITORIES  
SO THAT  
YOU TWO .

THAT  
THERE  
IS THE  
OTHER  
KABUTO

A COMMON  
PRACTICE OF THE  
FOUNDATION.

GRADUAL  
BRAIN  
WASHING..

SKILL FULLY  
REPLACED WITH  
THOSE OF  
ANOTHER,  
WITHOUT HER  
EVEN NOTICING  
IT.

AND THEN, OVER  
TIME, MOTHER WAS  
MADE TO THINK  
SOMEONE ELSE  
WAS YOU. THE  
PHOTOS OF YOU  
WERE.

...  
THAT  
IT..?

AND YOU WERE  
DISPATCHED BY  
THE FOUNDATION  
TO TAKE CARE  
OF WHOEVER  
SURVIVED..

...

YOU WERE A  
TRAITOROUS  
DOUBLE  
AGENT A  
FOE OF THE  
VILLAGE...

THAT'S WHY  
NONOU TRIED  
TO KILL YOU.  
SHE WOULD  
NEVER HAVE  
THOUGHT YOU  
WERE  
KABUTO..







BUT THANKS  
TO YOU  
FOUNDAT' ON  
BASTARDS,  
I'VE LOST  
MYSELF  
AGAIN!

AND I  
THOUGHT  
I'D FINALLY  
FOUND IT!



I'VE LONG  
WANTED  
SOME THING  
TO DEFINE  
MYSELF BY!



THEN...  
WHO IN THE  
WORLD...

BUT  
EVERY-  
THING'S  
WRONG!!

MOTHER  
WAS  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE THE  
PARENT  
THAT DIDN'T  
FORGET ME,  
NO MATTER  
WHAT!

THIS  
BESTOWED  
NAME WAS  
MINE AND  
MINE  
ALONE!

THESE  
GLASSES  
WERE  
WHAT  
LINKED  
MOTHER  
AND ME!

THH  
BAM

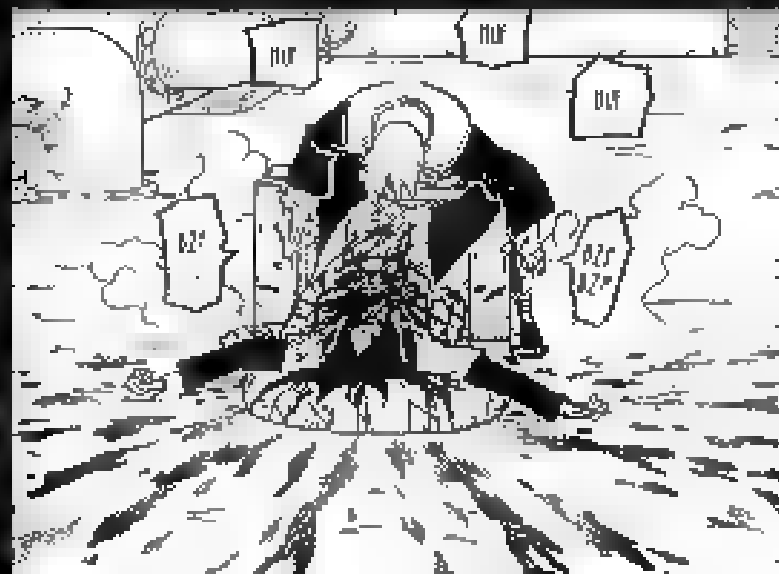
WHAM  
BAM BAM

...AM I  
?!!

WBAW

WAH!

!





YOU MERELY  
LACK  
SUFFICIENT  
NTEL WITH  
WHICH TO  
DEFINE  
YOURSELF.

IT'S JUST THAT  
NEITHER THE  
GLASSES, YOUR  
NAME, NOR THE  
FACT THAT YOU'RE  
A CHILD WERE  
THINGS THAT  
DENOTE WHO YOU  
REALLY ARE.

THUMP



WHY  
ARE YOU  
TELLING ME  
ALL THIS?

IF  
YOU'RE  
PLANNING  
TO KILL  
ME

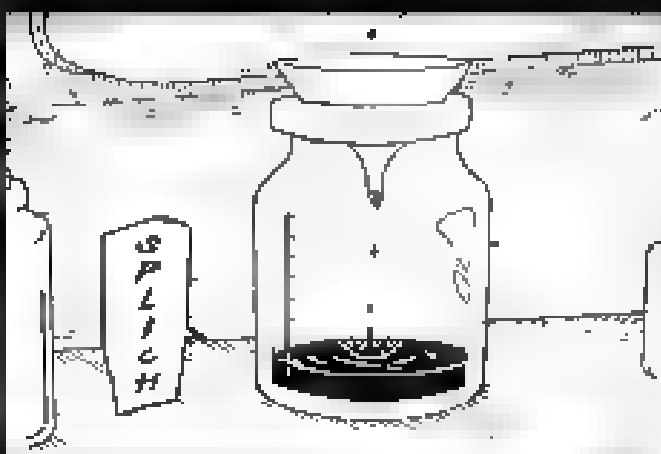
IF YOU'RE NOT  
SATISFIED WITH  
WHAT YOU'VE  
HAD SO FAR,

JUST FIND  
OTHER THINGS  
AND ADD THEM  
TO YOURSELF  
FROM HERE  
ON OUT



AND  
THAT'S  
FINE.

DRI  
P  
DRI  
P



SPL  
ASH



SO I'VE  
BEEN  
GATHERING  
ALL SORTS  
OF THINGS.

I TOO  
WANT TO  
KNOW WHO  
OR WHAT  
I AM.

SHUP



AND THEN, I UNDERGO REBIRTH, EVER EVOLVING..

..TOWARD A NEW, MORE PERFECT ME



AND STORE THE GAINED KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES WITHIN MYSELF.

REPEATEDLY EXPERIMENT ON AND INSPECT THESE MANY THINGS THAT I'VE COLLECTED A LITTLE AT A TIME..



..IT'S YOU.



THIS TIME..

AFTERWARD, AGAIN OBTAIN EVEN NEWER ITEMS, AND SO ON.




BUT WHY AM ONE OF THOSE THINGS TO YOU?



..DERIVE WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE BY GATHERING ALL THE NTEL AND THINGS THAT EXIST IN THIS WORLD.

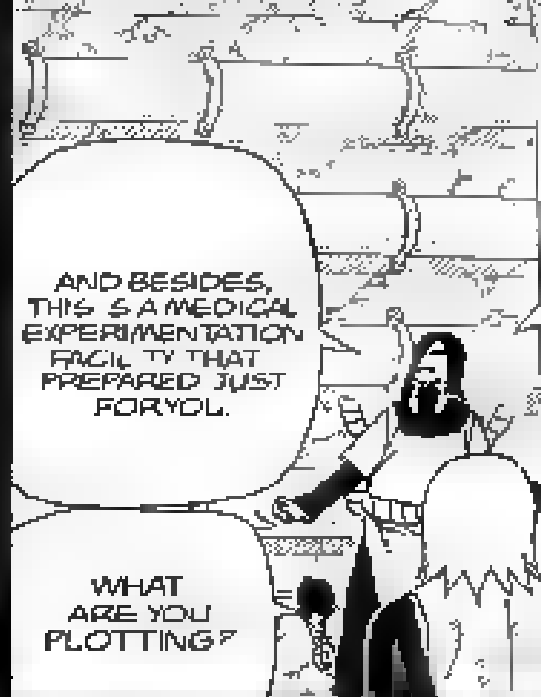
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULDN'T





TO CREATE AN ORGANIZATION, A VILLAGE WHICH CELEBRATES INDIVIDUALITY, AS OPPOSED TO THE FOUNDATION THAT ERASES THE SELF.

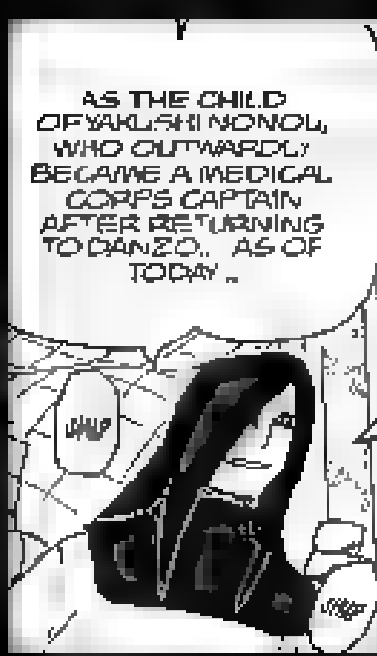
THE VILLAGE OF OTOSAKURE, WHICH SHALL BELONG TO NO NATION.



AND BESIDES, THIS IS A MEDICAL EXPERIMENTATION FACILITY THAT PREPARED JUST FOR YOU.

BECAUSE I RECOGNIZED AND VALUE YOUR TALENT MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.. IT WOULD BE A WASTE TO KILL YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING?



AS THE CHILD OF YAKUSHI MONOH, WHO OUTWARDLY BECAME A MEDICAL CORPS CAPTAIN AFTER RETURNING TO DANZO.. AS OF TODAY..

THIS IS YOUR NEW PERSONAL HISTORY

WHEN STILL VERY YOUNG YOU WERE FOUND, ADOPTED, AND RAISED BY A MEDICAL CORPS CAPTAIN FOLLOWING THE BATTLE AT KIKYO PASS.

AND ALSO STARTING NOW, I SHALL BE YOUR SUPERIOR, YOUR SIBLING, AND YOUR PARENT.

AS OF THIS MOMENT, YOU AND I WILL DESERT KONOHAS FOUNDATION.

I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM DANZO

!!

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE.. COME... BE BY MY SIDE...

AM OROCHIMARU

... YOU SHALL BE REBORN AS YAKUSHI KABUTO.

SHUP





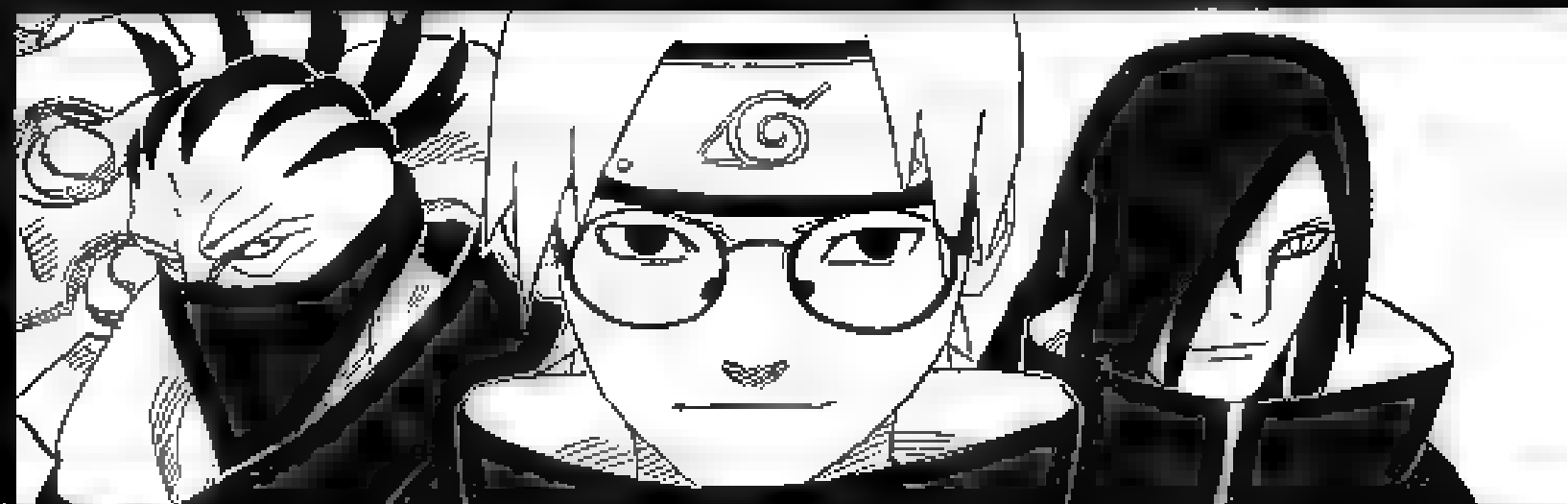
THE  
AKATSUKI.



LEAVE  
IT TO  
ME

THERE'S AN  
ORGANIZATION  
I WANT TO  
LOOK INTO  
NEXT

SO  
WHAT'S  
THIS  
GROUP?



UNDER-  
STOOD,  
LORD  
SASORI.



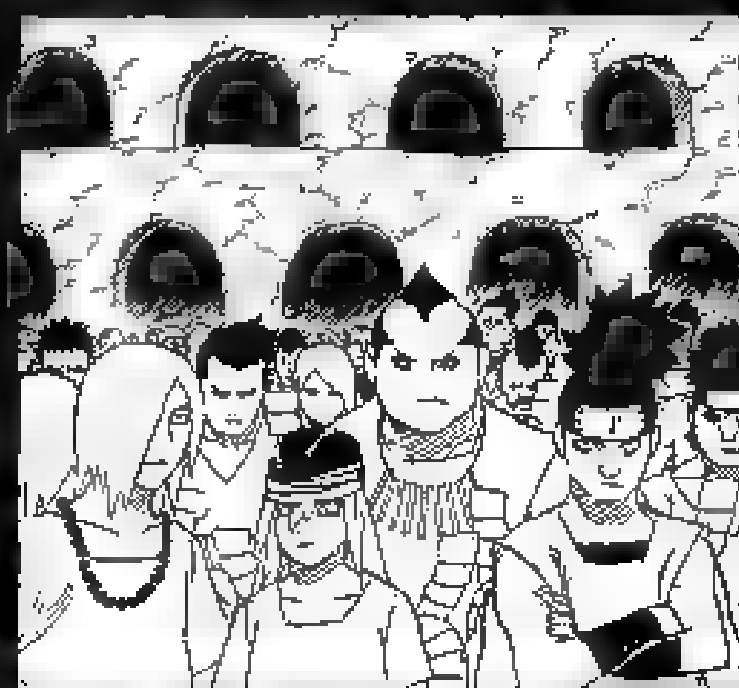
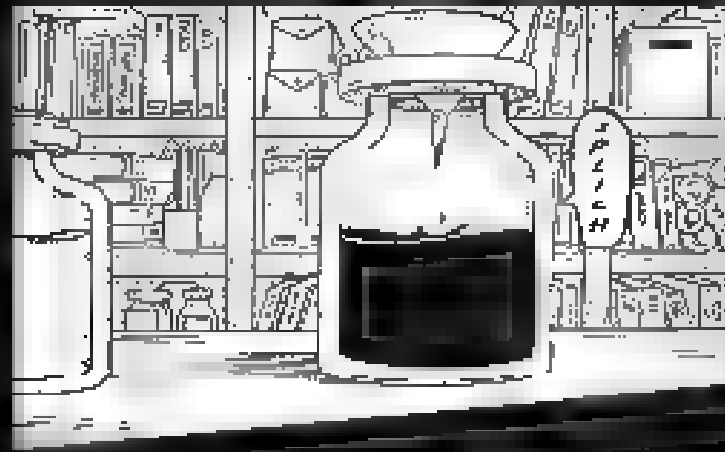
BRING ME  
OROCHIMARU'S  
HUMAN  
EXPERIMENTATION  
DATA AND ANY  
INTEL ON THE  
EDOTENSE



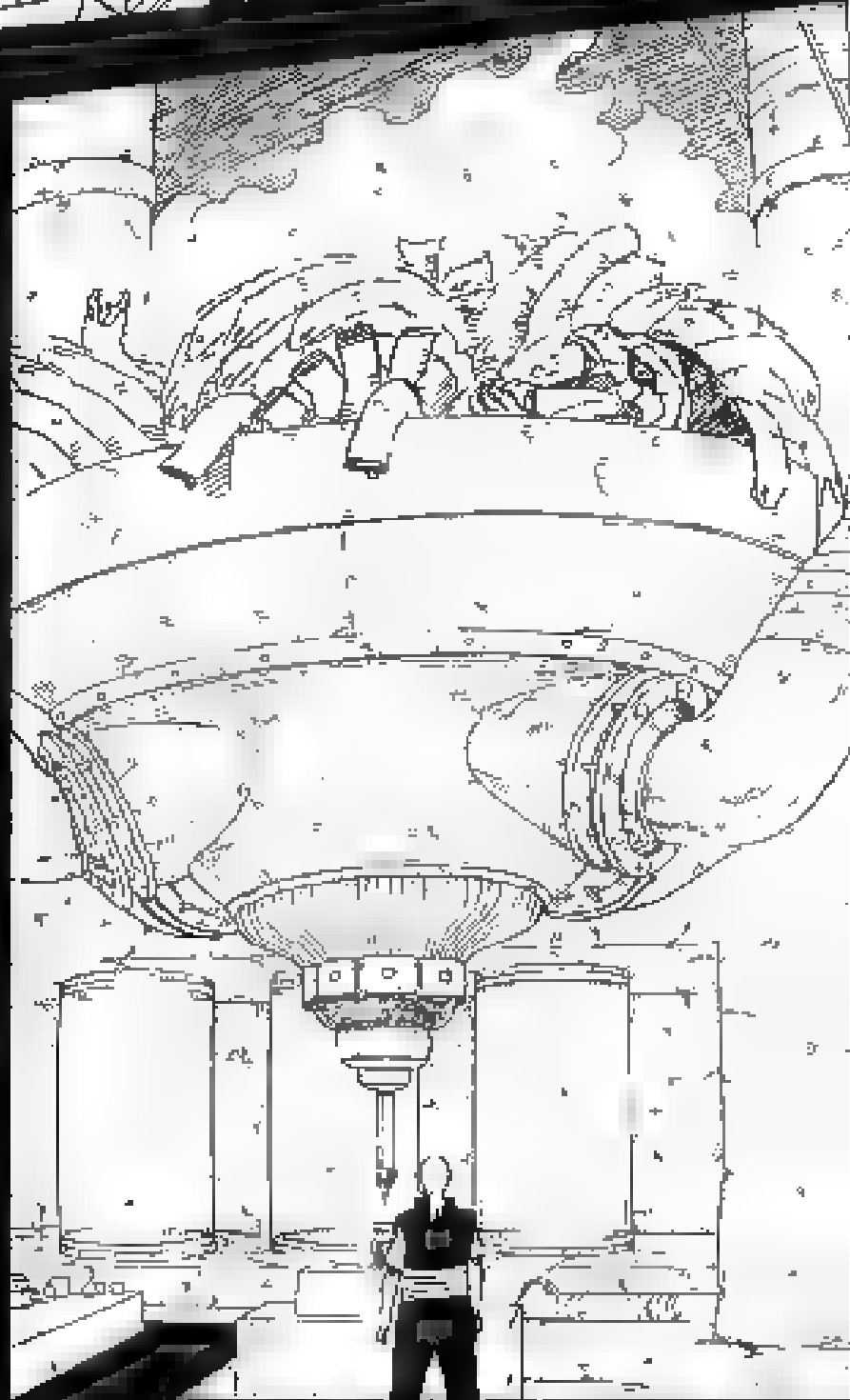
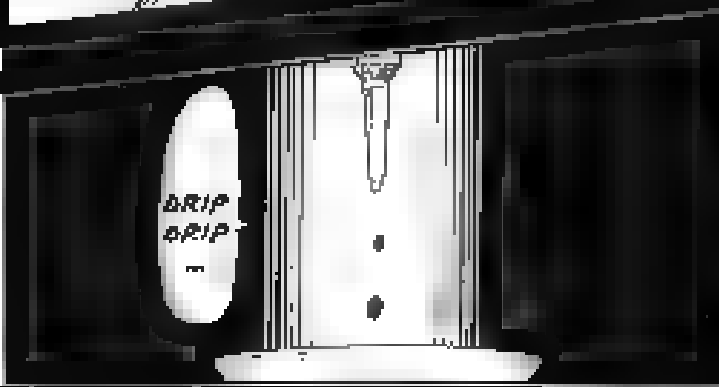
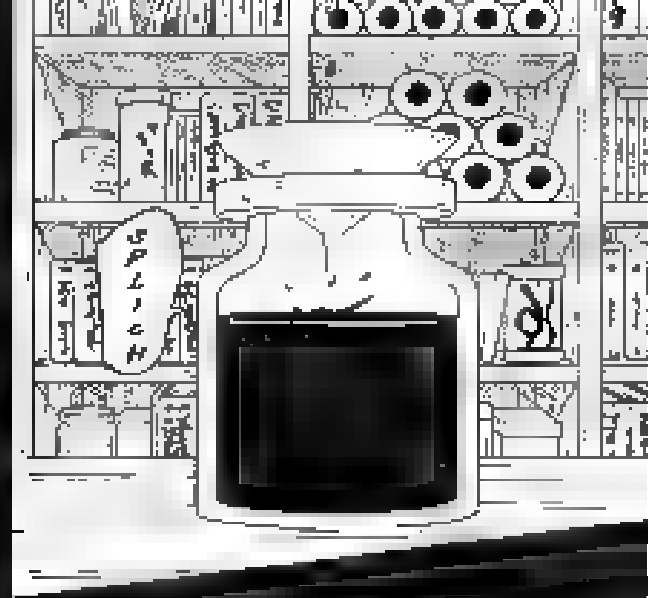
YOU CAN ERASE  
YOUR SOUND,  
YOUR SCENT,  
EVEN YOU  
YOURSELF

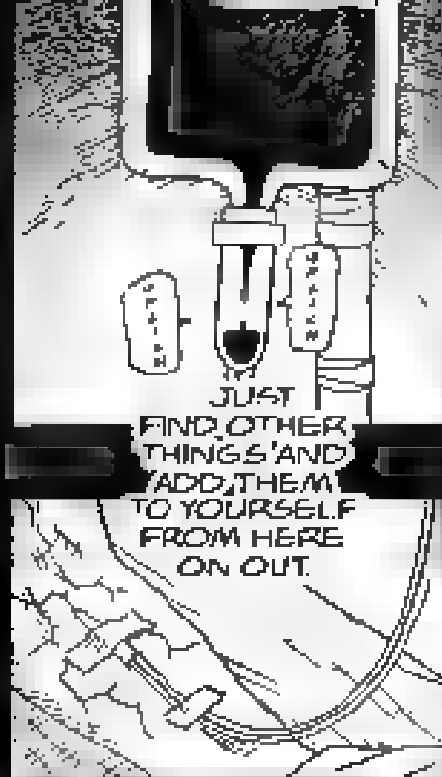
YOU ARE  
USEFUL

YOU'RE ALMOST  
LIKE ONE OF MY  
PUPPETS.










NARUTO



THAT'S  
WHY... I  
KEPT  
ADDING  
TO  
MYSELF.



Number 585: I Am Me



BUT YOUR  
ABILITIES  
AND INTEL


SO WHAT  
WANT IS  
NOT YOUR  
LECTURES

AND  
YOU ALSO  
HAD MANY  
JUTSU AND  
MUCH  
POWER


YOU BORE  
MANY  
SECRETS  
AND  
STOPPED  
A WAR

NOT ONLY ARE  
YOU A KUNOICHI  
SHINOBI YOU  
ARE OF THE  
FAMED UCHIHA  
BLOODLINE.

YOU HAVE  
SHARINGAN IN  
WHICH THE  
MANGEKYO  
HAS BEEN  
AWAKENED.

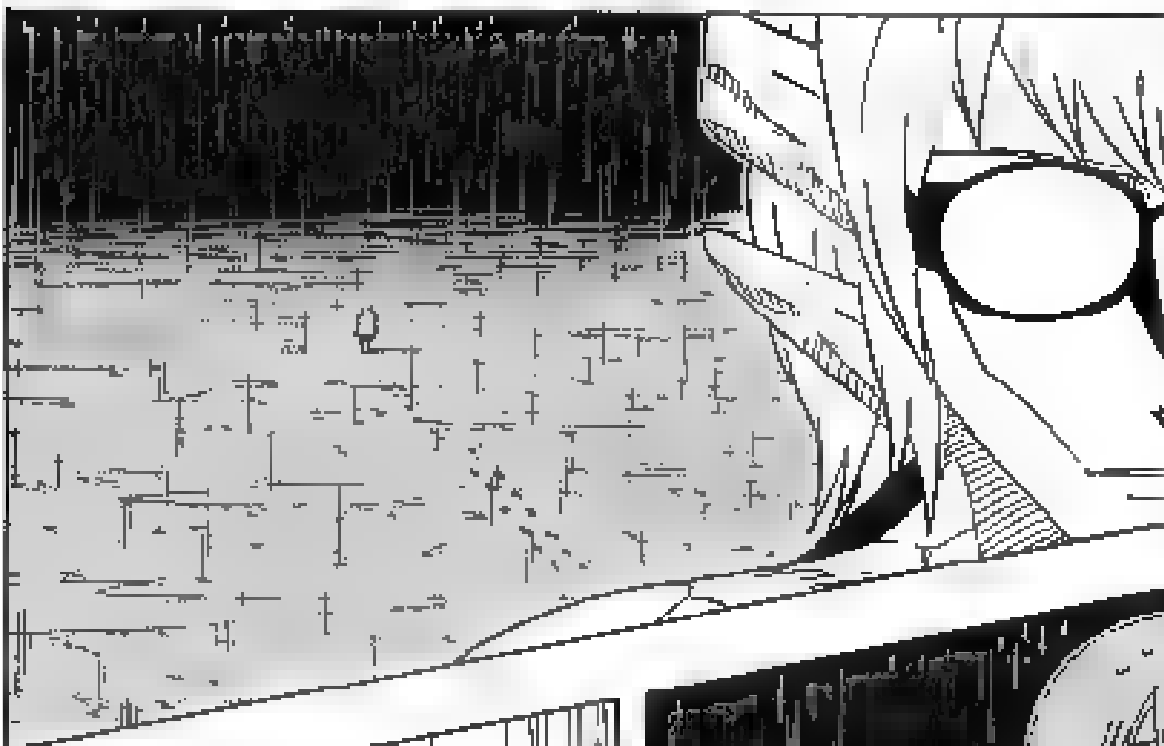
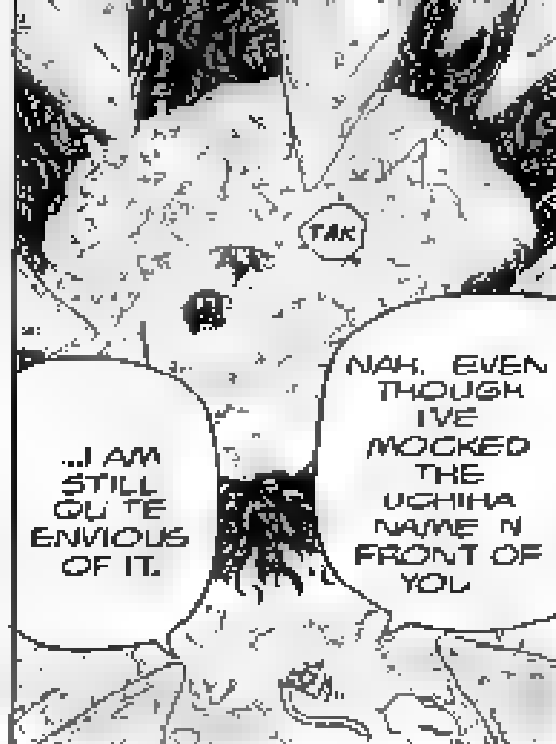


AND MY  
PAWNS ARE  
PART OF MY  
POWER.



THE RE IS  
NO FINER  
FOIL TO MY  
EODOTENSEI  
THAN YOU

ITACHI... YOU  
POSSESSED  
MANY  
THINGS THAT  
MADE YOU  
WHO YOU  
ARE







**SAKON!  
DEMON  
TWIN  
JUTSU!!**



**JIROBO!  
EARTH  
STYLE!!  
TERRA  
SHIELD!!!**

**BAM**

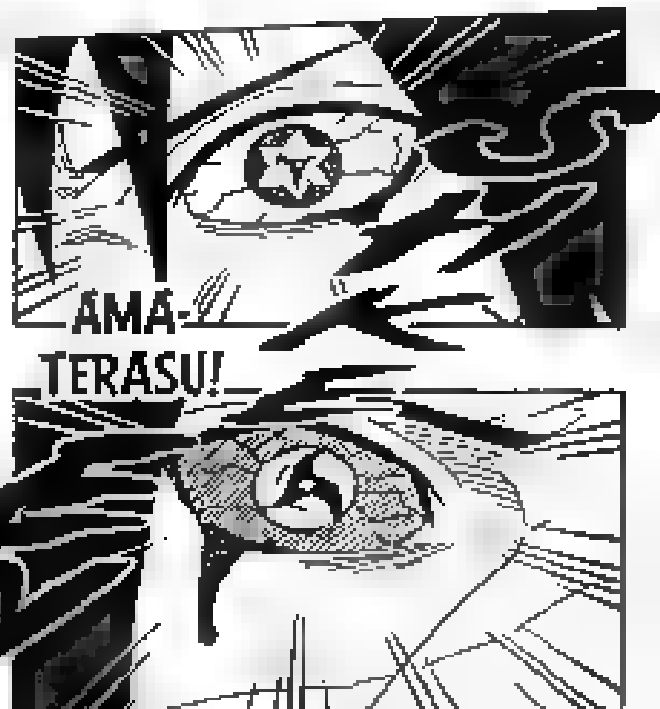
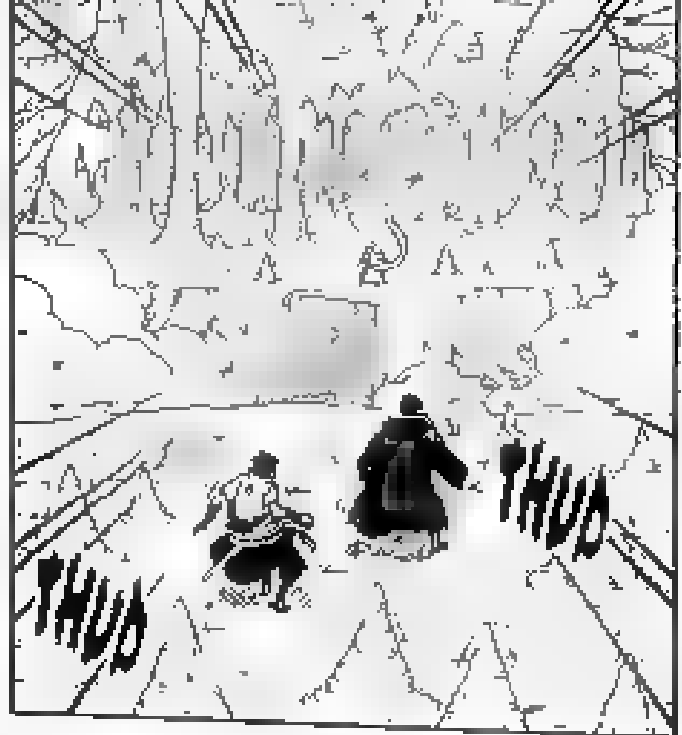
**BAM**



**ALL YOU  
NEED TO DO  
IS GATHER  
EVERY  
SINGLE  
THING...**

**AND  
PIECE OF  
INFORMATION  
THAT EXISTS  
IN THIS  
WORLD!**

**IF YOU  
WANT TO  
KNOW  
WHO AND  
WHAT YOU  
ARE...**



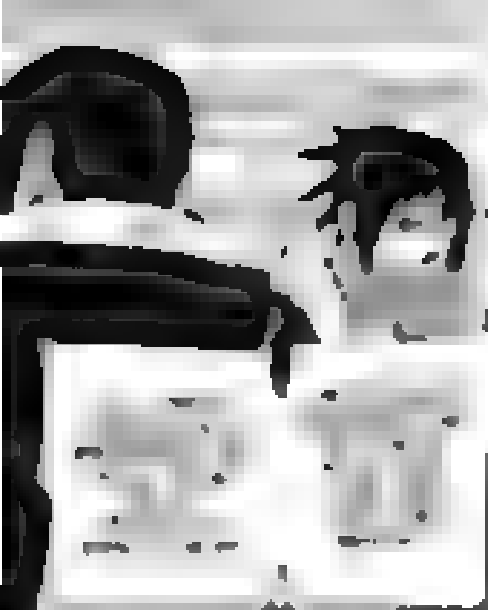


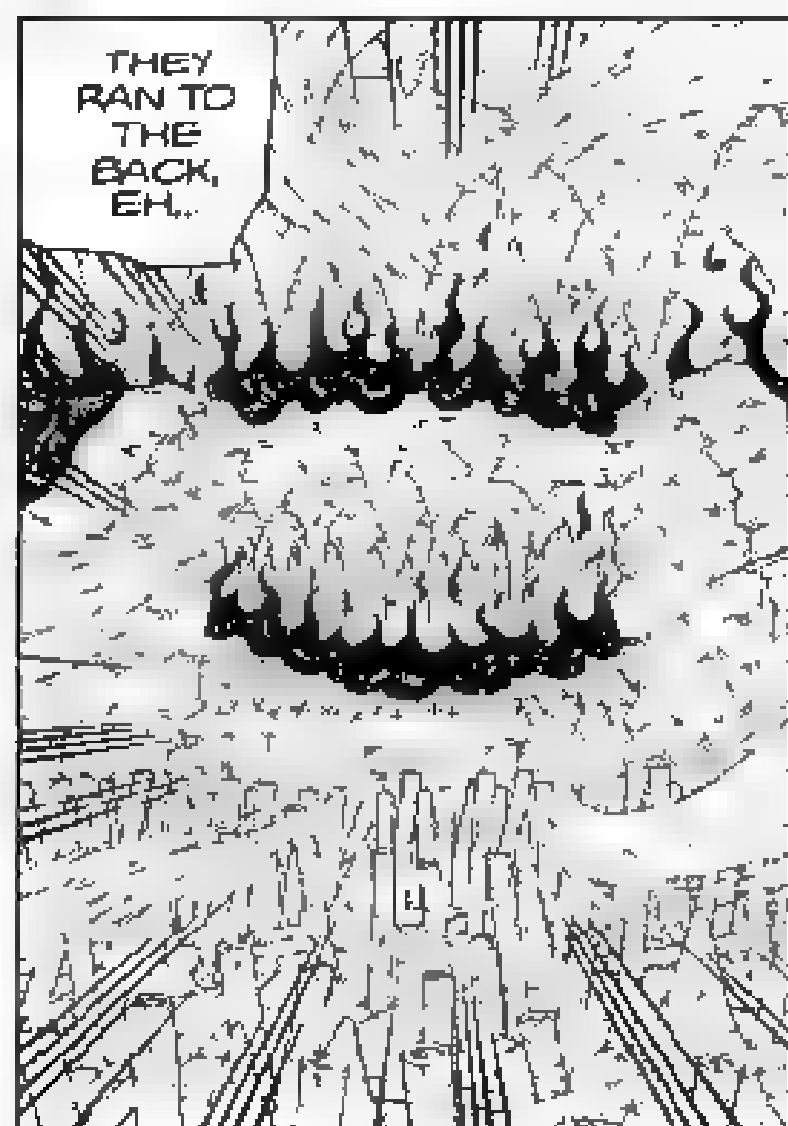
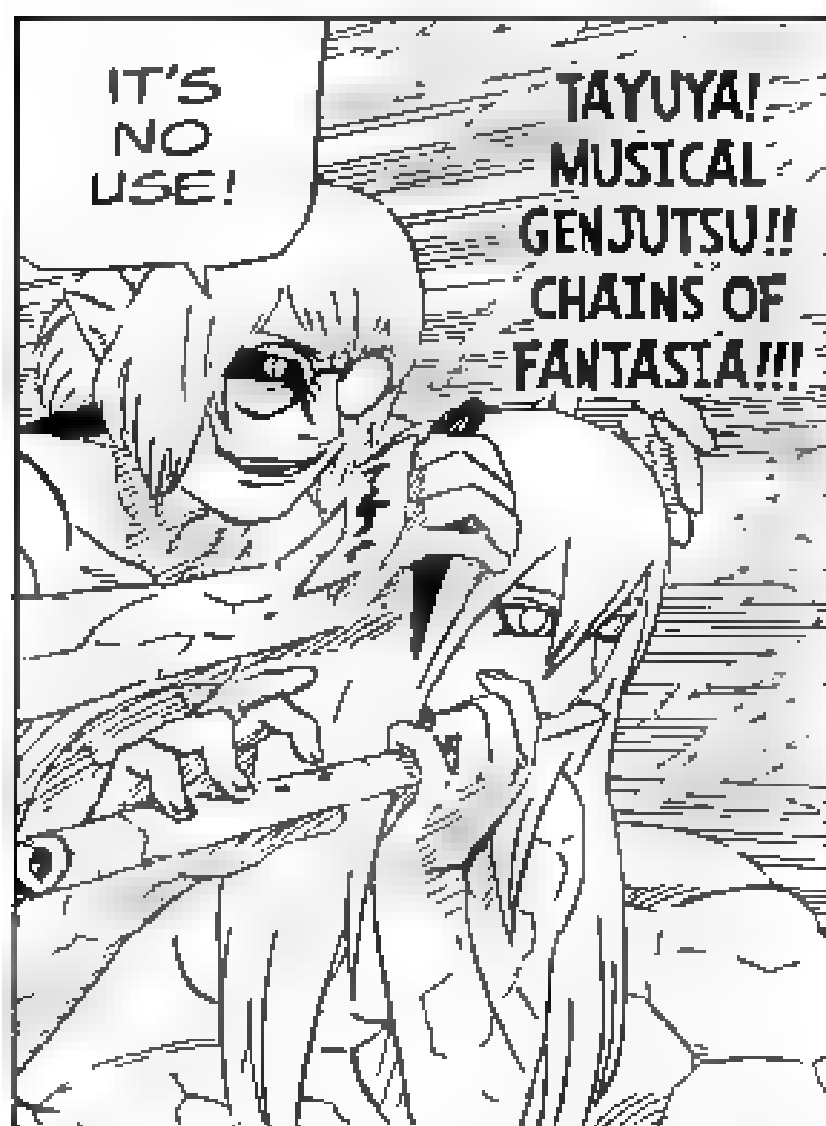
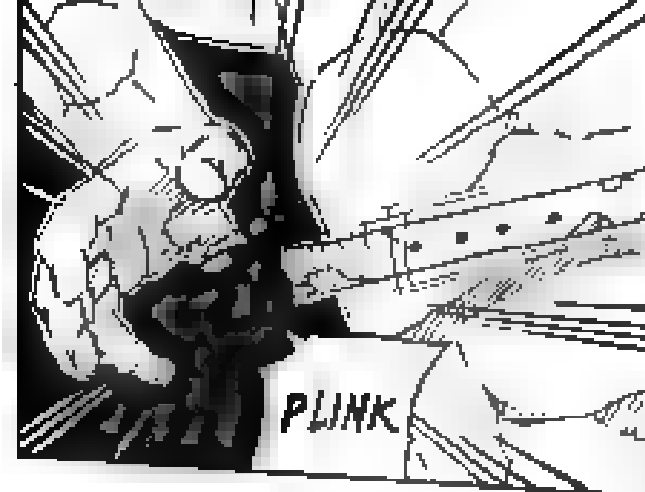


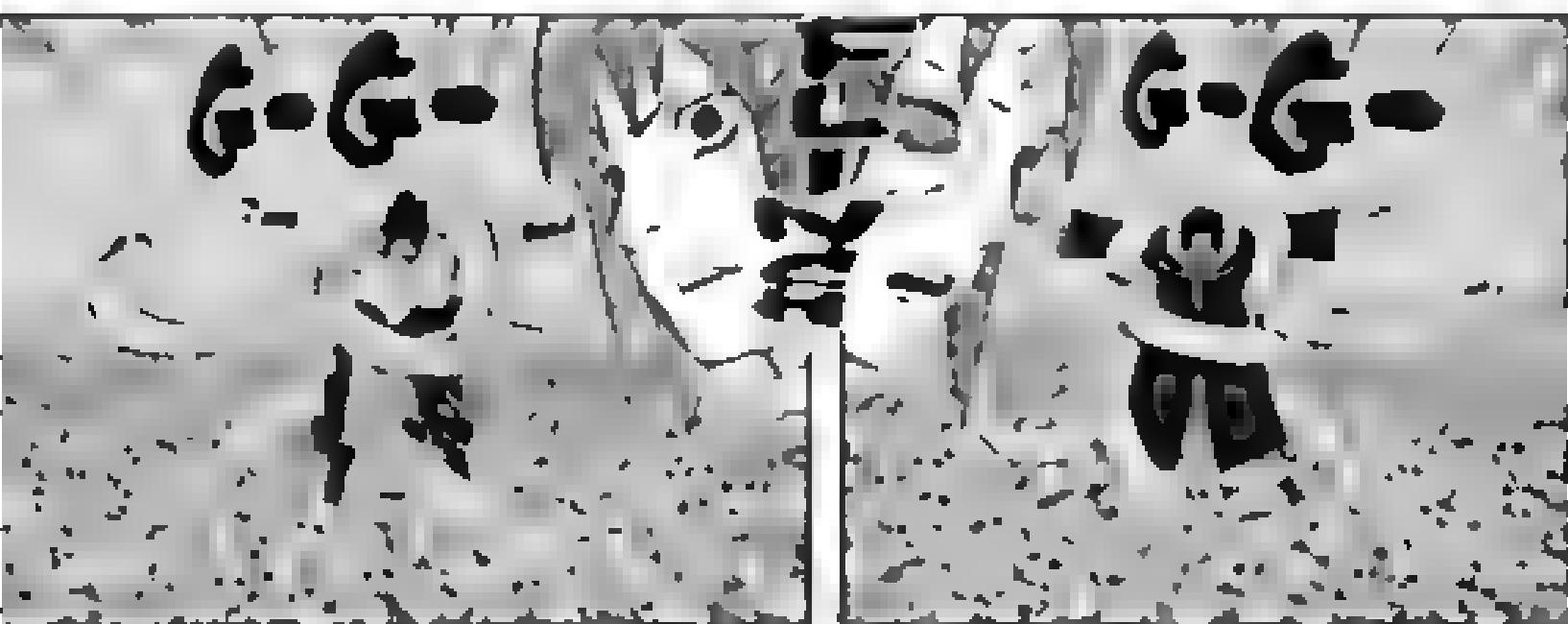
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ZWCHW

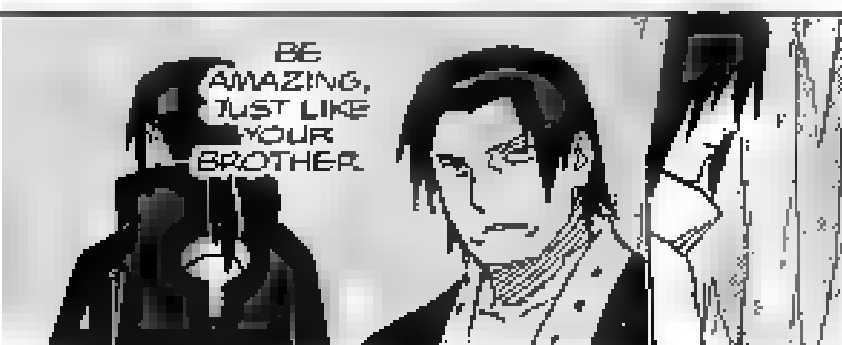








THIS  
CURRENT  
FORM OF  
MINE...?




BE  
AMAZING,  
JUST LIKE  
YOUR  
BROTHER.



LIKE HOW  
SASUKE  
EMULATED  
YOU

A MAJORITY  
OF PEOPLE  
START OUT  
BY MIMICKING  
ANOTHER,  
YOU KNOW.

...IS TO TAKE YOU INTO ME USING LORD OROCHI MARU!!



**WELL,  
SASUKE,  
DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
?**

YOU ..  
CAN'T  
REALLY  
BECOME  
HIM, YOU  
KNOW.

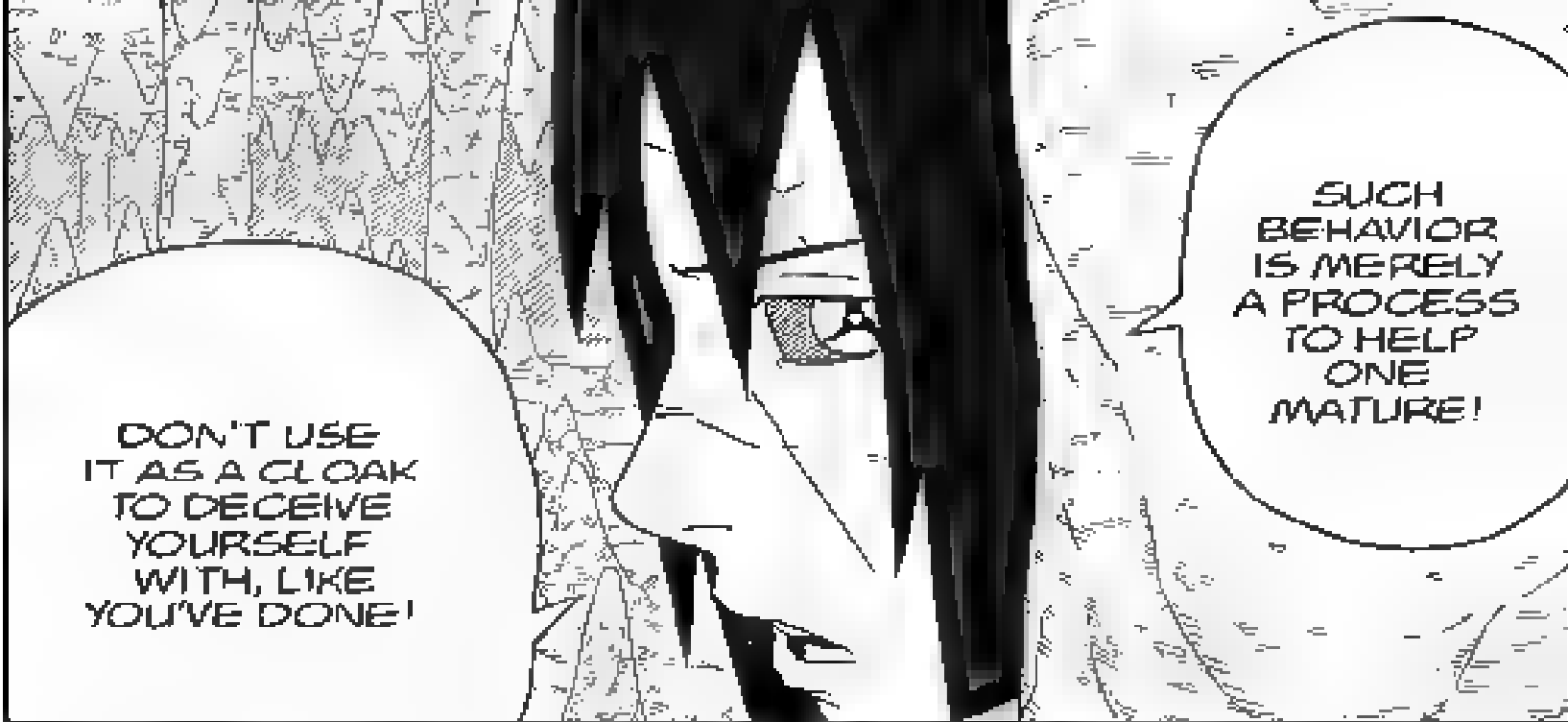
...

KABUTO, YOU  
ARE NOT  
OROCHIMARU.

IT'S FINE TO  
IMITATE  
SOMEONE YOU  
RESPECT. BUT  
DON'T REMAKE  
YOURSELF INTO  
HIM TO *THAT*  
EXTENT.

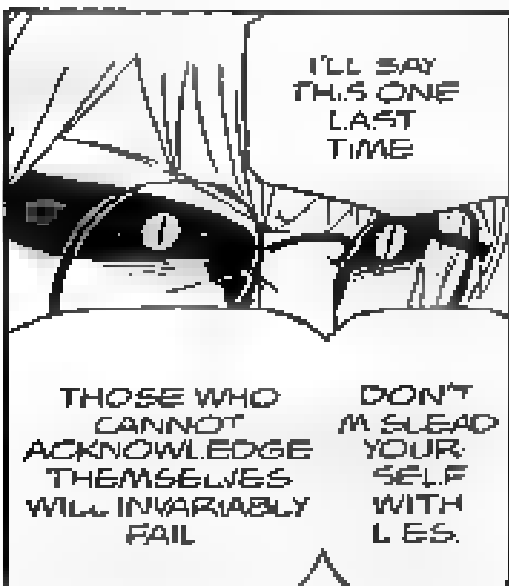
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DON'T REMAKE  
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HIM TO *THAT*  
EXTENT.



DON'T USE  
IT AS A CLOAK  
TO DECEIVE  
YOURSELF  
WITH, LIKE  
YOU'VE DONE!

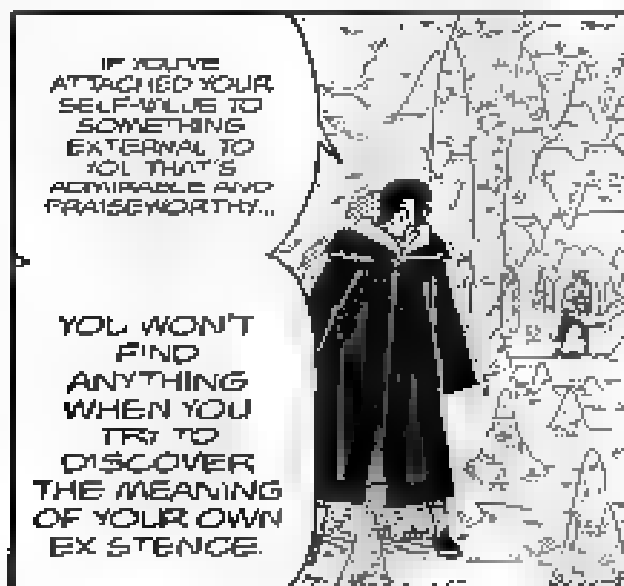
SUCH  
BEHAVIOR  
IS MERELY  
A PROCESS  
TO HELP  
ONE  
MATURE!



I'LL SAY  
THIS ONE  
LAST  
TIME

THOSE WHO  
CANNOT  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
THEMSELVES  
WILL INVARIABLY  
FAIL

DON'T  
MISLEAD  
YOUR  
SELF  
WITH  
LIES.

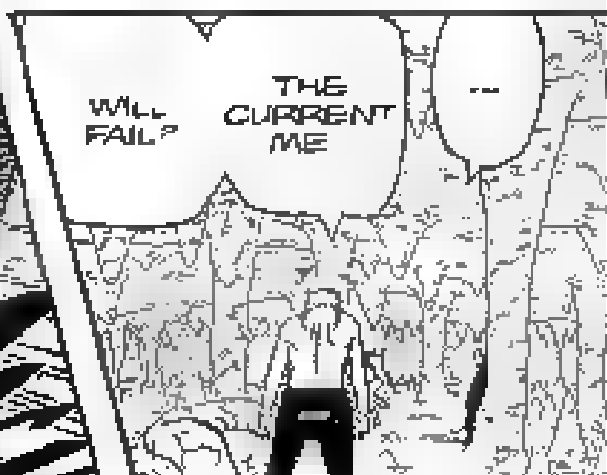


IF YOU'VE  
ATTACHED YOUR  
SELF-VALUE TO  
SOMETHING  
EXTERNAL TO  
YOU THAT'S  
ADMIRABLE AND  
PRAISEWORTHY...

YOU WON'T  
FIND  
ANYTHING  
WHEN YOU  
TRY TO  
DISCOVER  
THE MEANING  
OF YOUR OWN  
EXISTENCE.



HOW?!



WILL  
FAIL?

THE  
CURRENT  
ME



GAGARE  
LOOK  
INTO MY  
EYES!



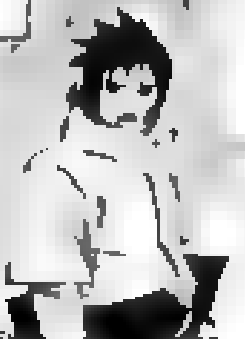
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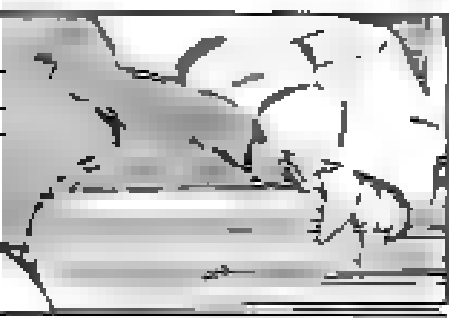
GENJUTSU  
SHARINGAN!!



THAT'S  
RIGHT!



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CHOP

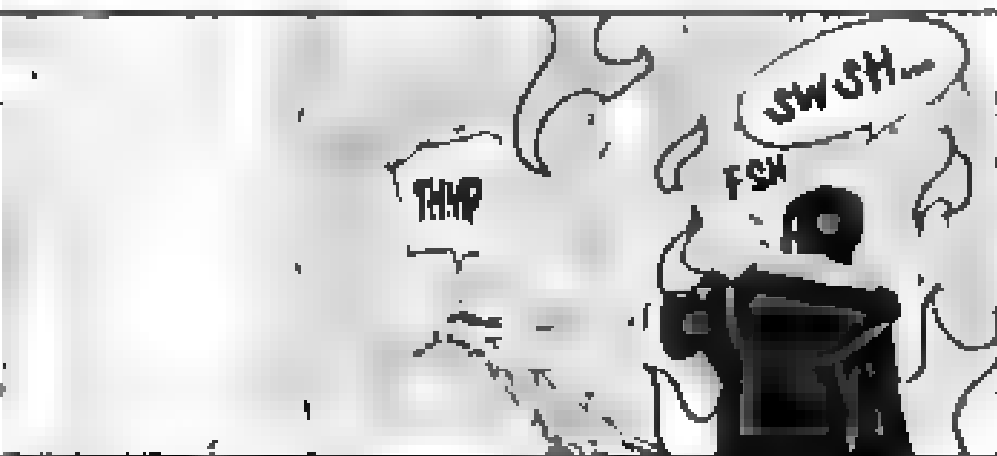
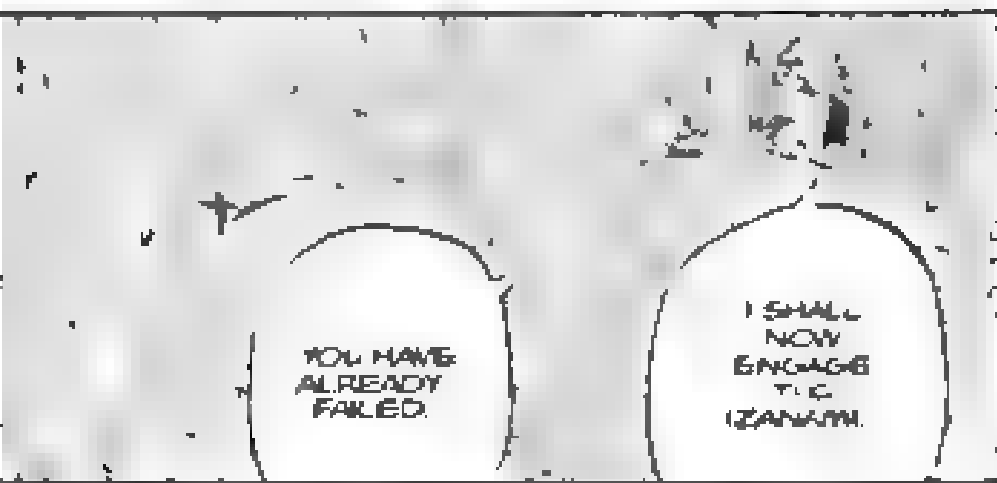


ZASH ZASH



ZASH ZASH









I JUST  
WANT TO BE  
WHO AND  
WHAT I AM

YOU A  
GENIUS  
WHO HAD  
EVERYTHING  
WOULD NEVER  
UNDERSTAND

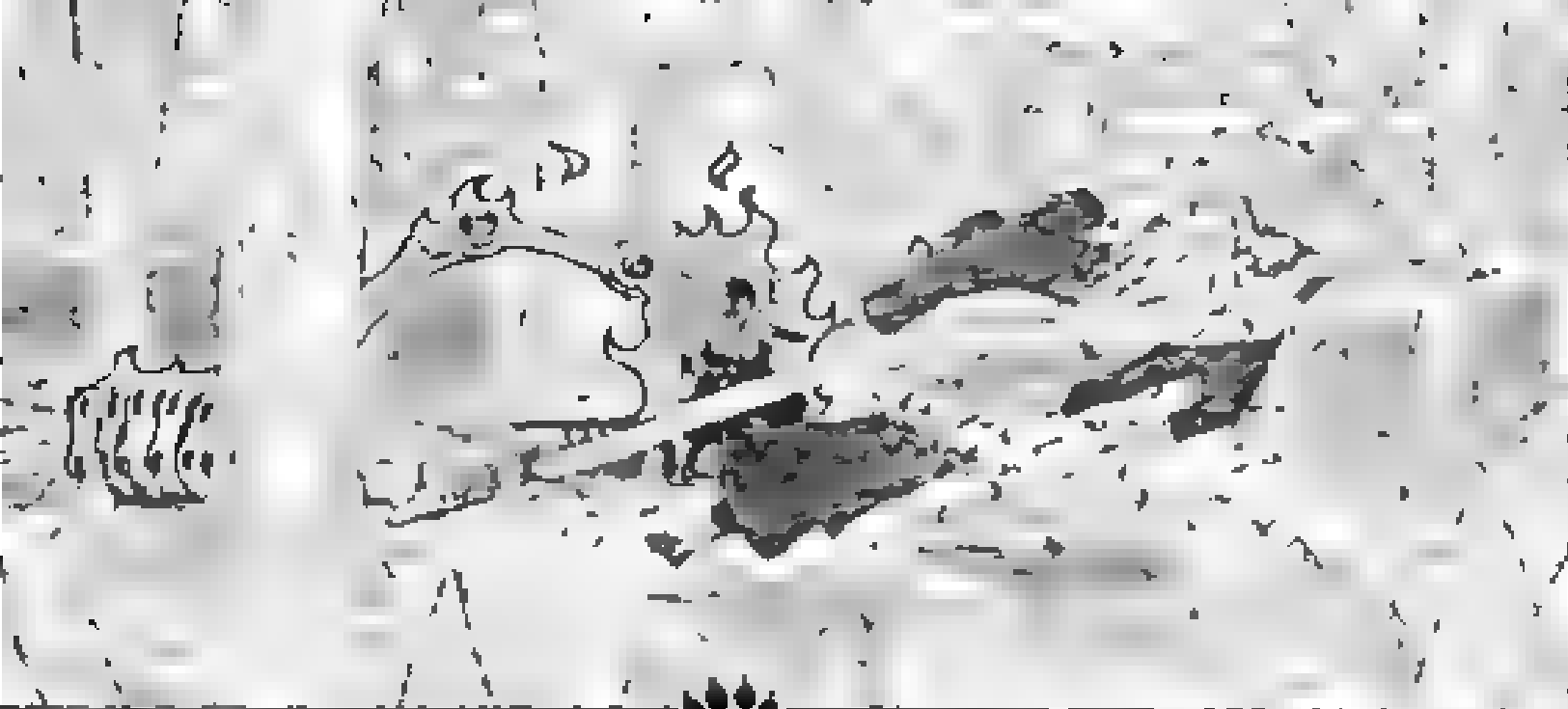


AND I  
SHAN'T LET  
ANYONE  
INTERFERE!!



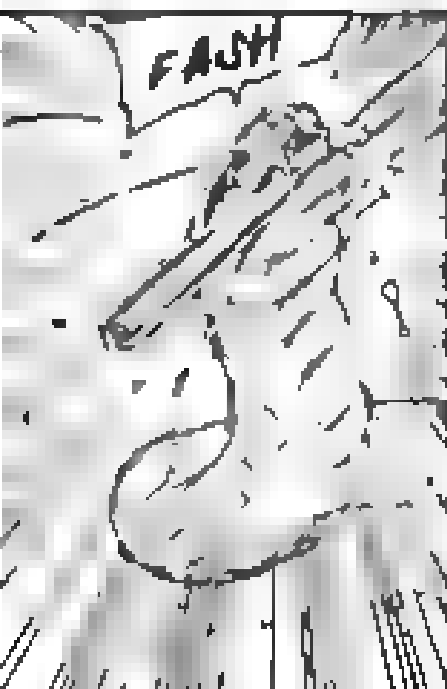
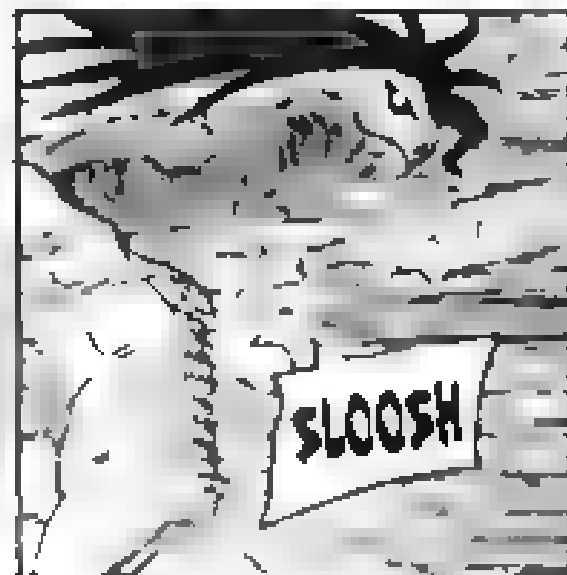
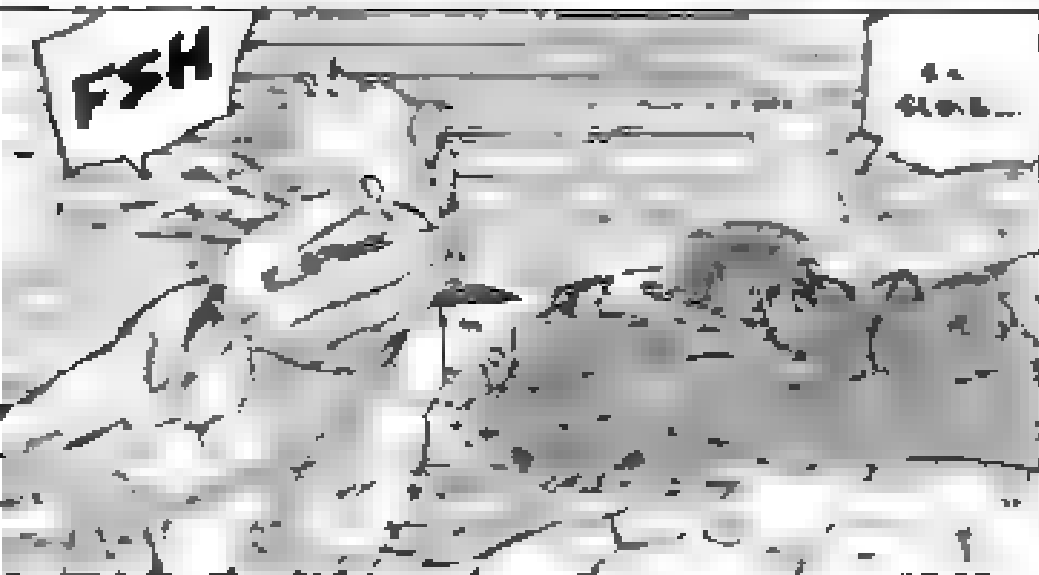


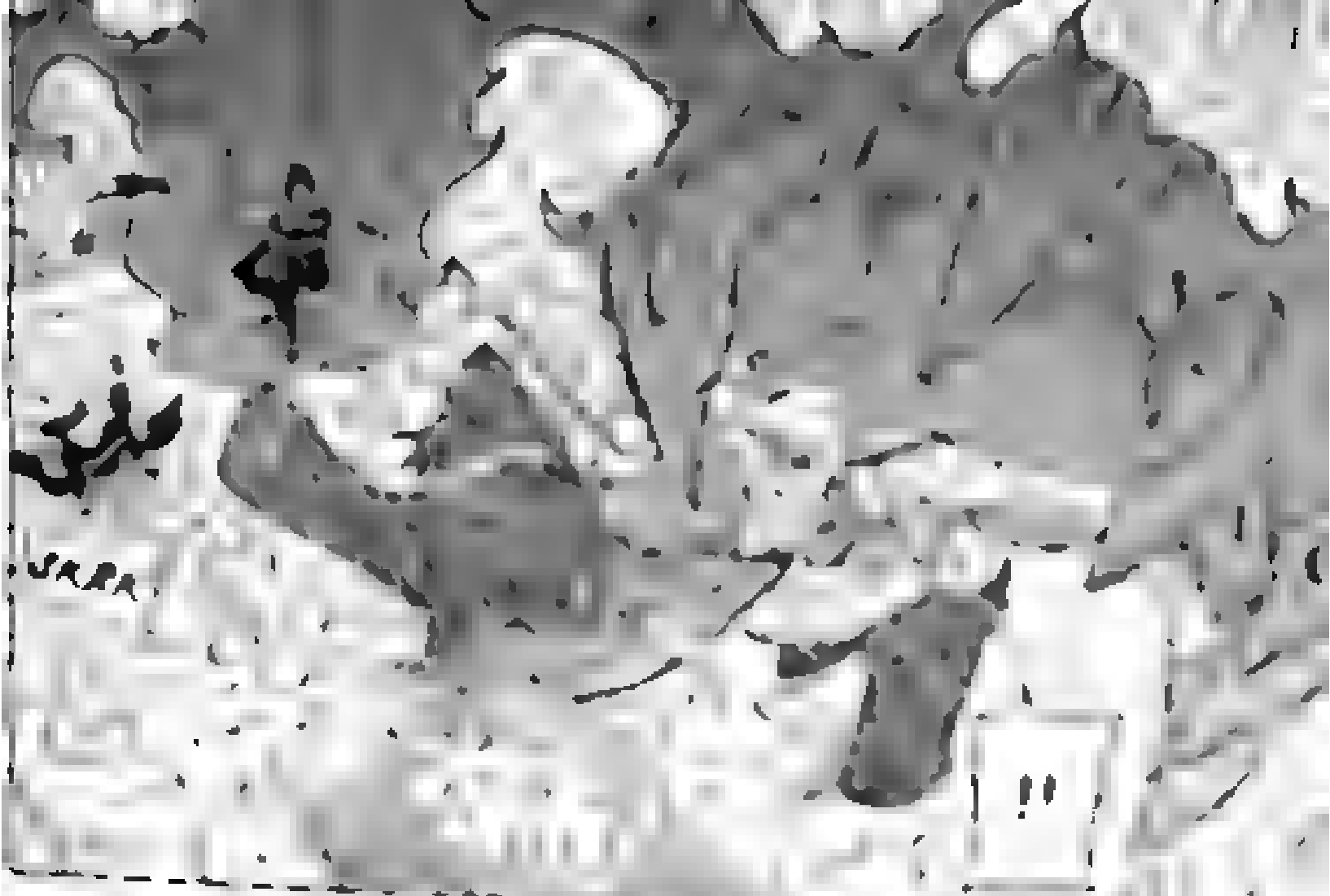
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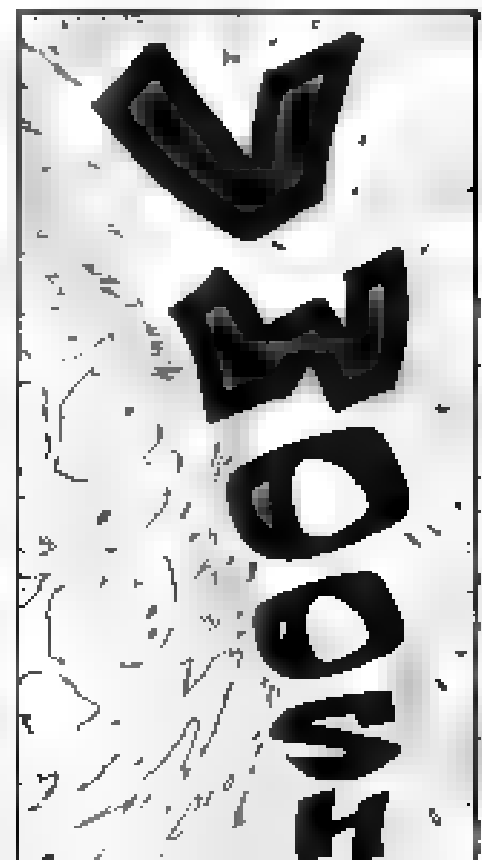


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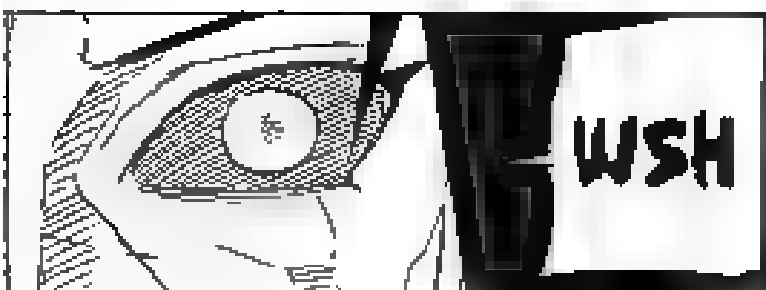
The Izanami Activated

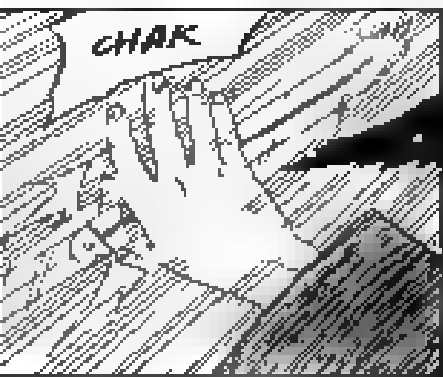


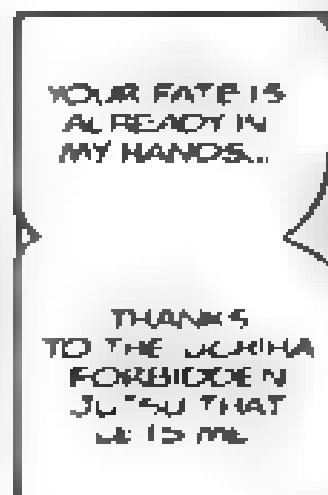
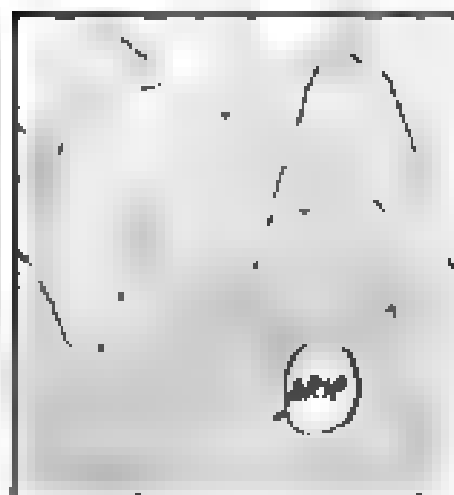
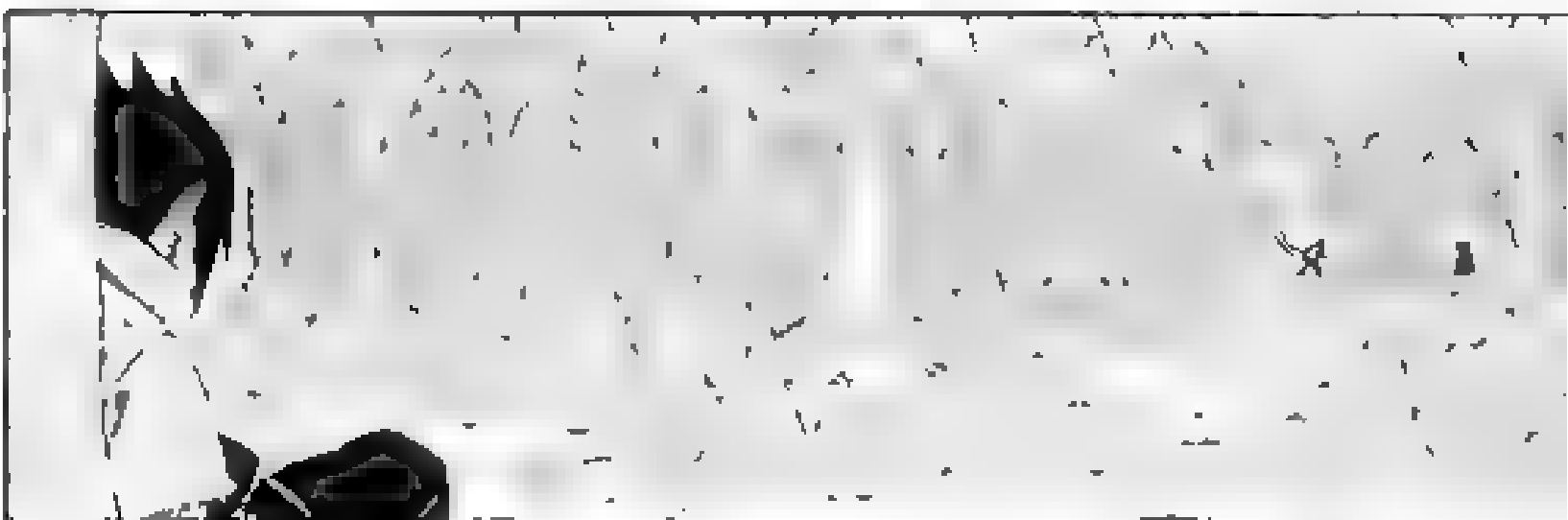
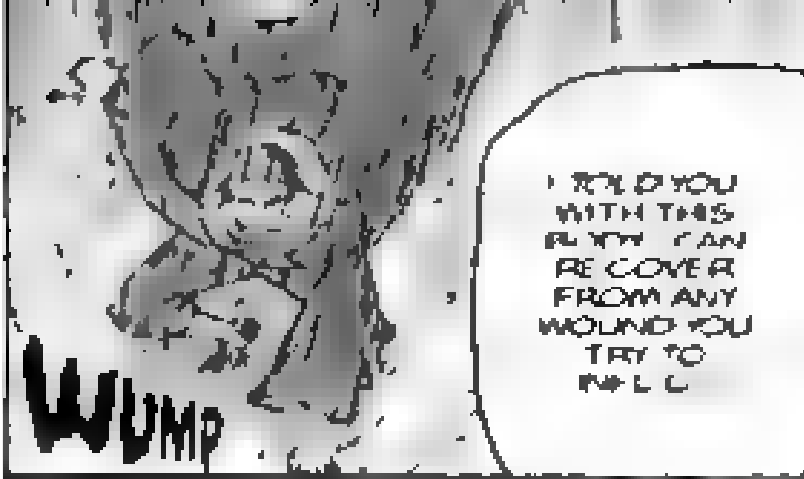


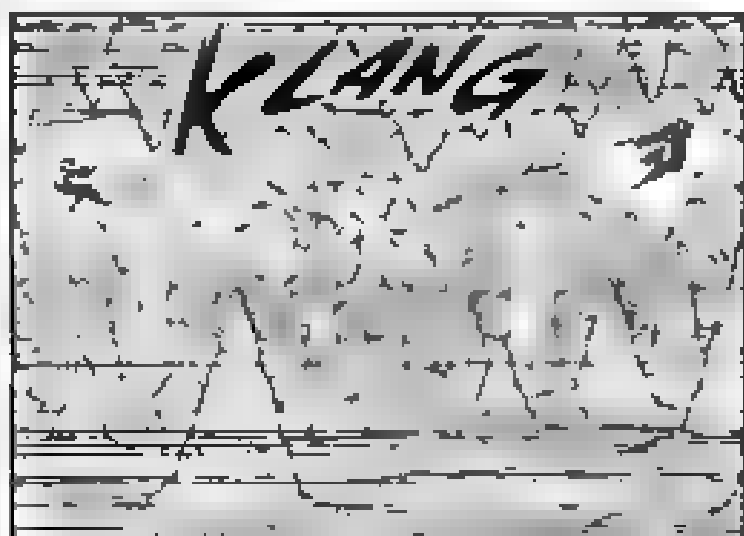
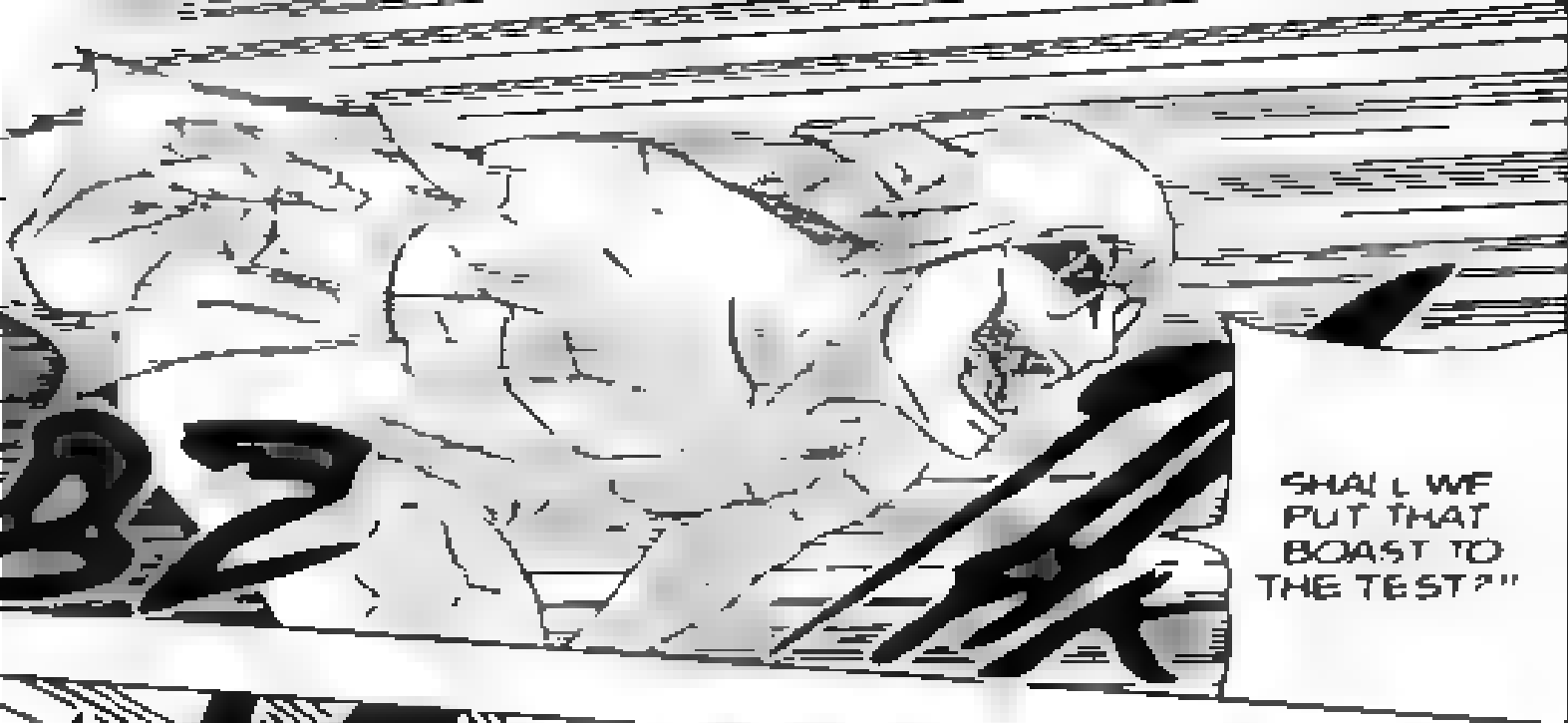


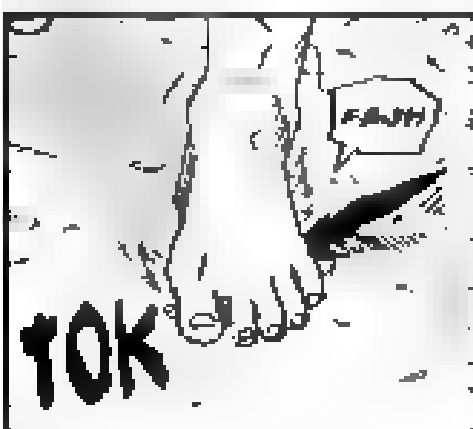


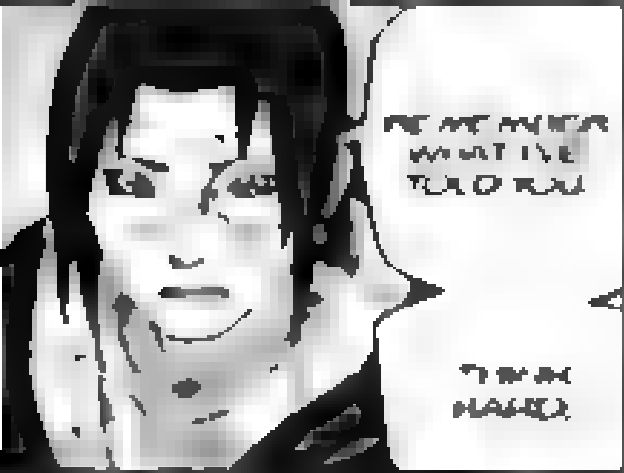






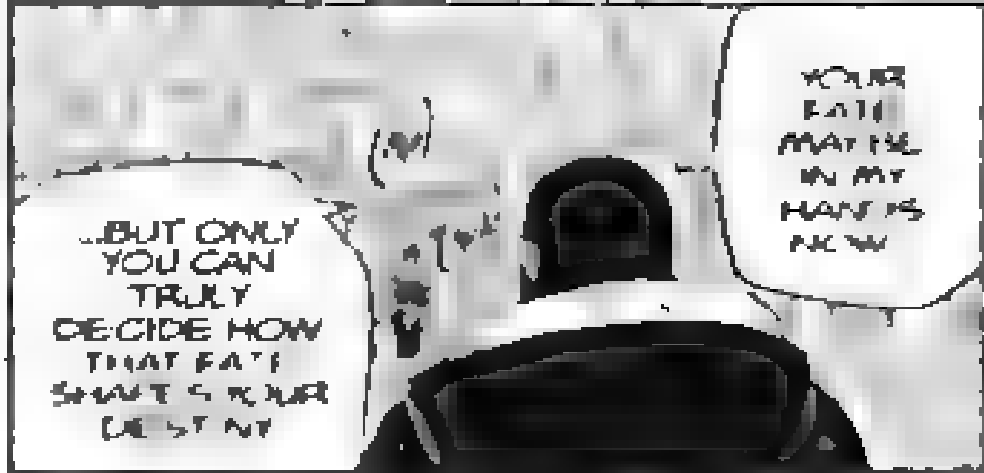






BE ME WITH  
WHAT IVE  
TOLD YOU

THAT  
HAPPENED



YOUR  
FATE  
MAY BE  
IN MY  
HANDS  
NOW

...BUT ONLY  
YOU CAN  
TRULY  
DECIDE HOW  
THAT FATE  
SHALL BE  
DESTINY



THAT  
IS FACT!

WHOO!



CAN'T PLAY  
AS IF I WANT U.S.  
WITH ME I  
WILL HAVE  
EVERYTHING  
AM THE  
STRONGEST  
OF ALL

WHAT  
NOTHING  
ARE YOU  
CAN ABOUT  
NOW!

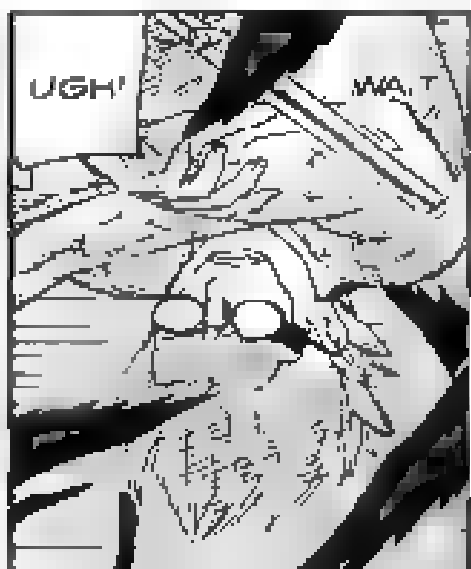
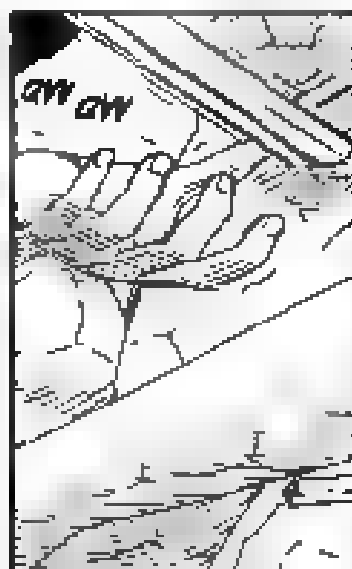


ONLY THEN  
CAN YOU BE  
STRONG!

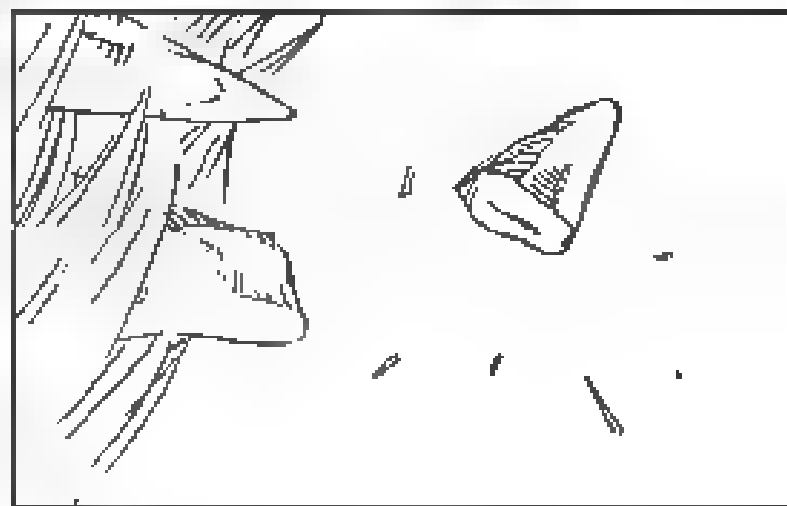
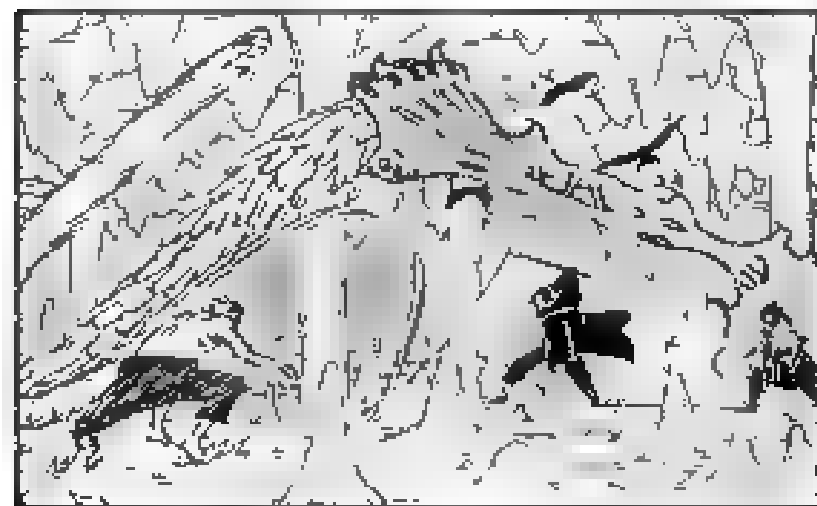


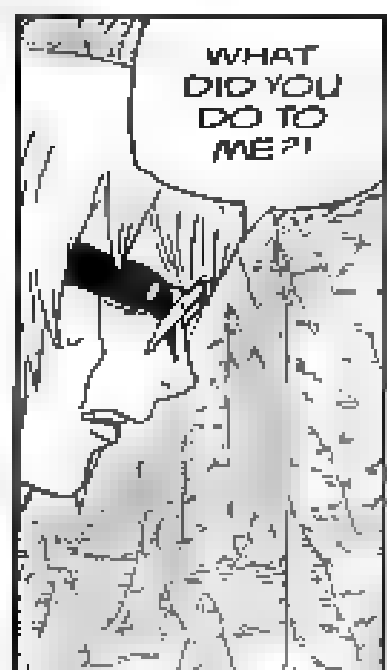
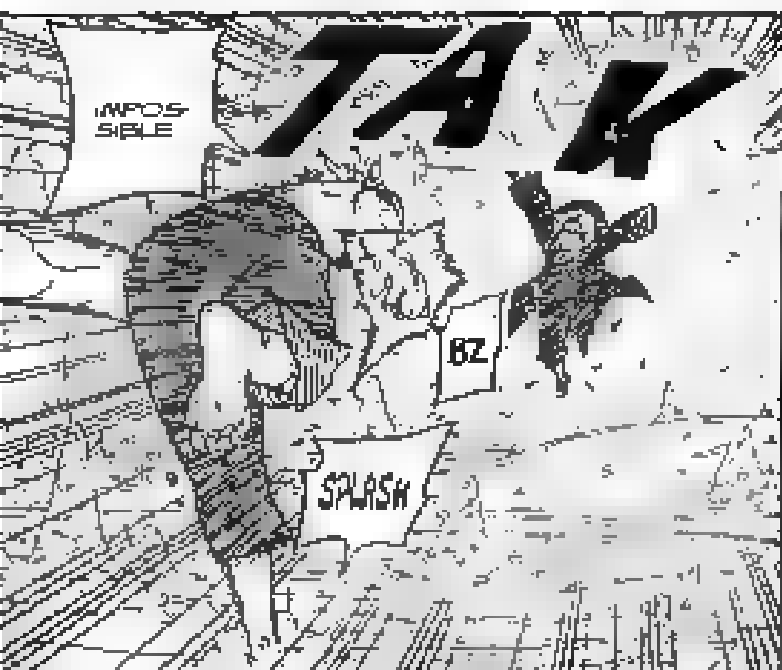
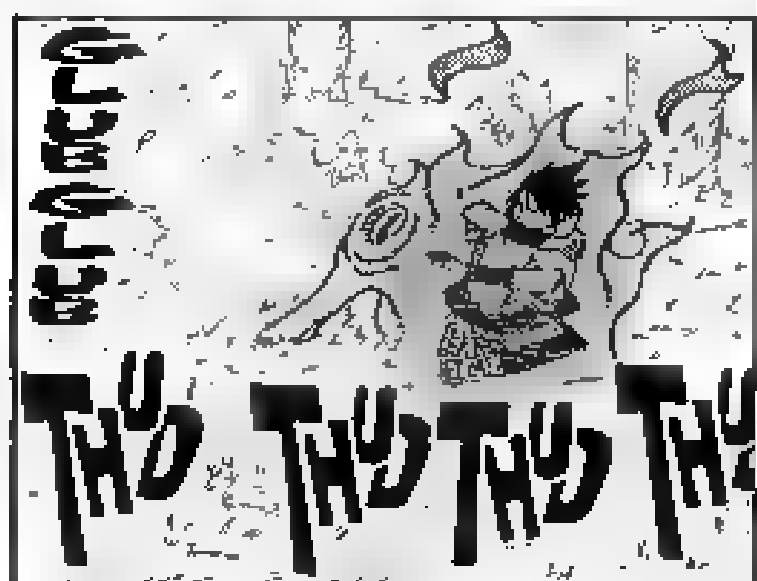
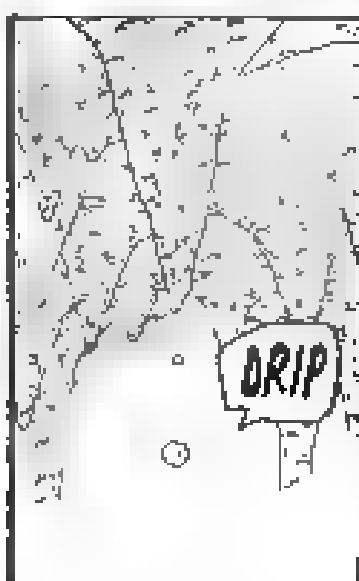
IF YOU CAN  
FIGHT ME  
YOURSELF,  
THAT'S THE  
SELF

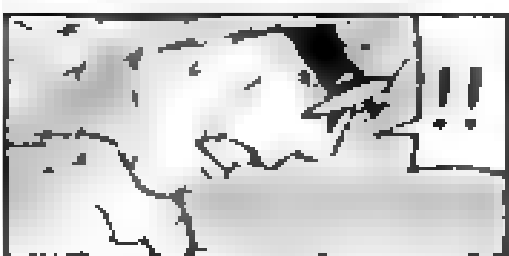
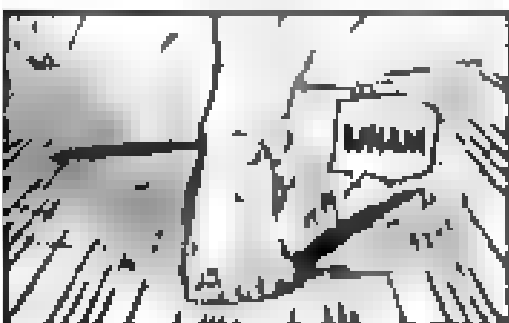
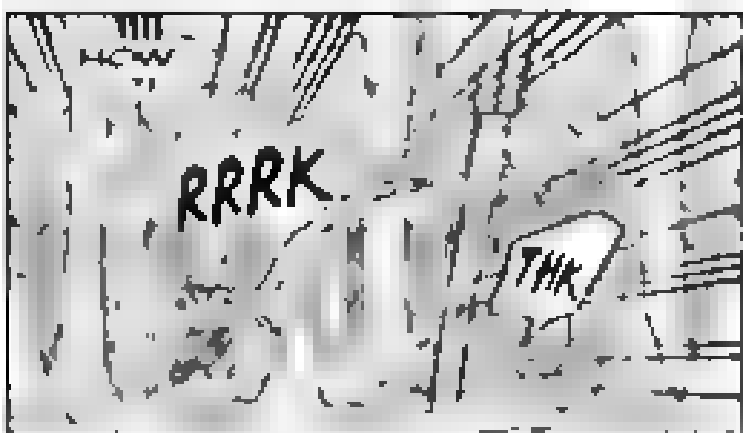




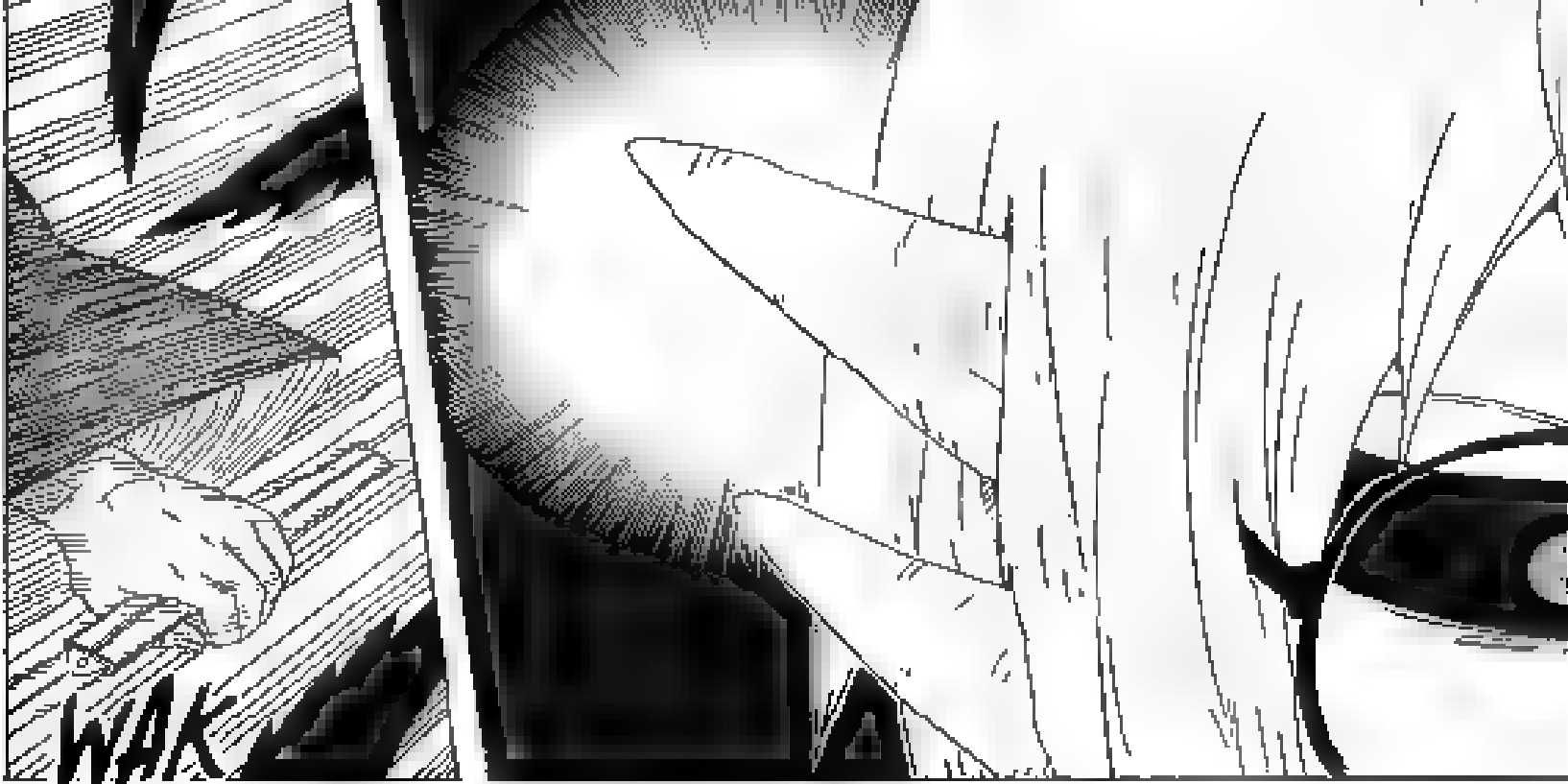
















I TRULY  
HOLD  
YOUR  
FATE  
IN MY  
HANDS!



!!!



HE  
CANNOT  
ESCAPE  
THIS LOOP.



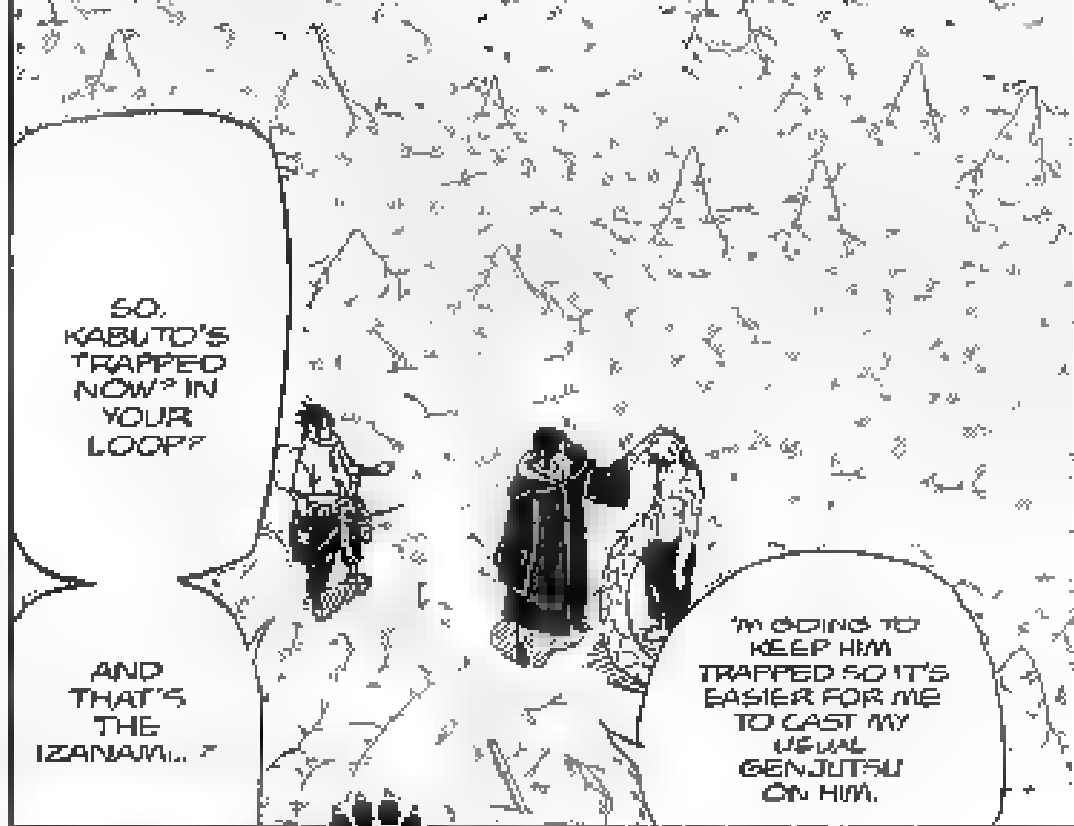
UCHIHA  
ITACHI!!



...THAT  
IS THE  
IZANAMI!

A JUTSU  
THAT  
DECIDES  
ONE'S  
FATE...

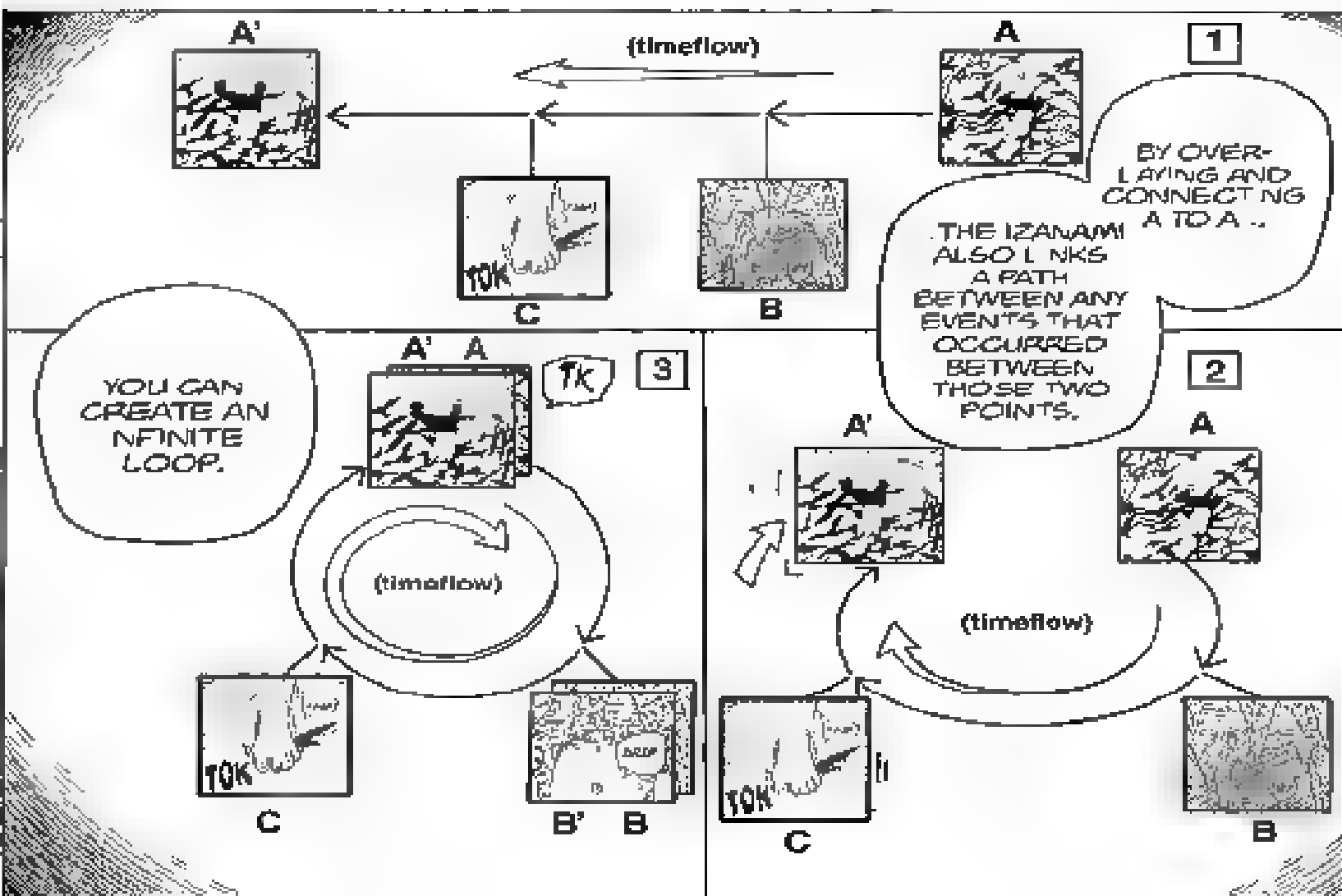
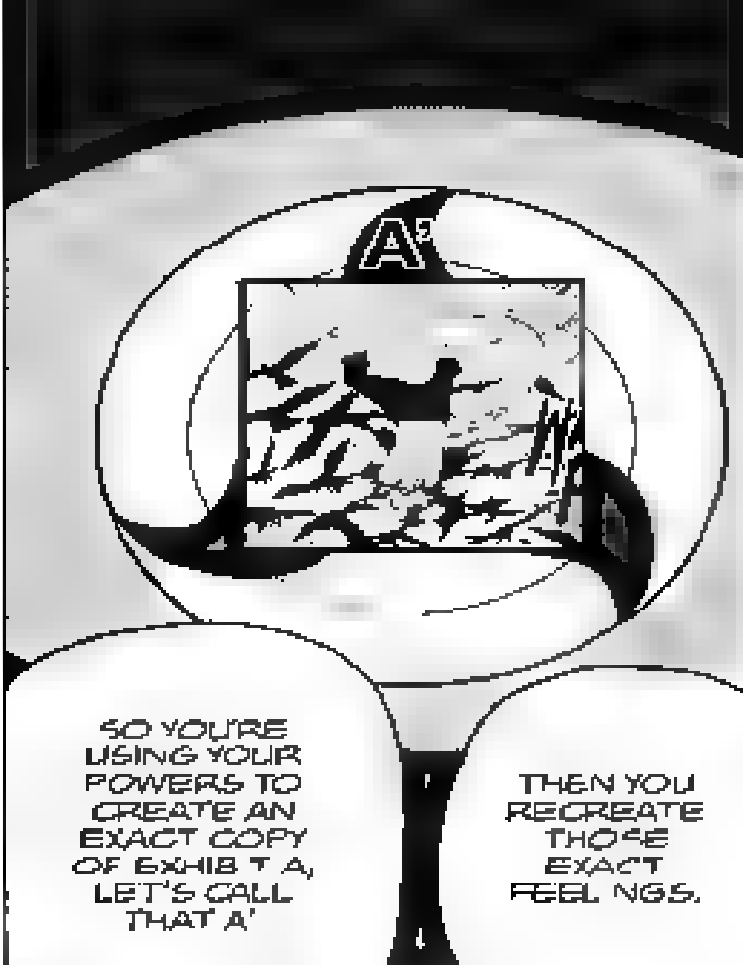
NARUTO



Number 587: Nine O'clock







SO KABUTO'S  
CONSCIOUSNESS  
IS TRAPPED  
INSIDE.

HE'LL BE  
FIGHTING A  
PHANTOM YOU  
AND A PHANTOM  
ME FOR ALL  
ETERNITY ON AN  
ENDLESS LOOP.

ALL IN  
EXCHANGE  
FOR ONE'S  
OWN SIGHT,  
OF COURSE

JUST LIKE  
WITH THE  
ZANAG

IT'S A  
PERFECT  
UCHIHA OCULAR  
JUTSU  
DESIGNED TO  
CHANGE  
DESTINY.

YOU KNOW  
SOME ABOUT  
THE IZANAGI  
ALREADY.

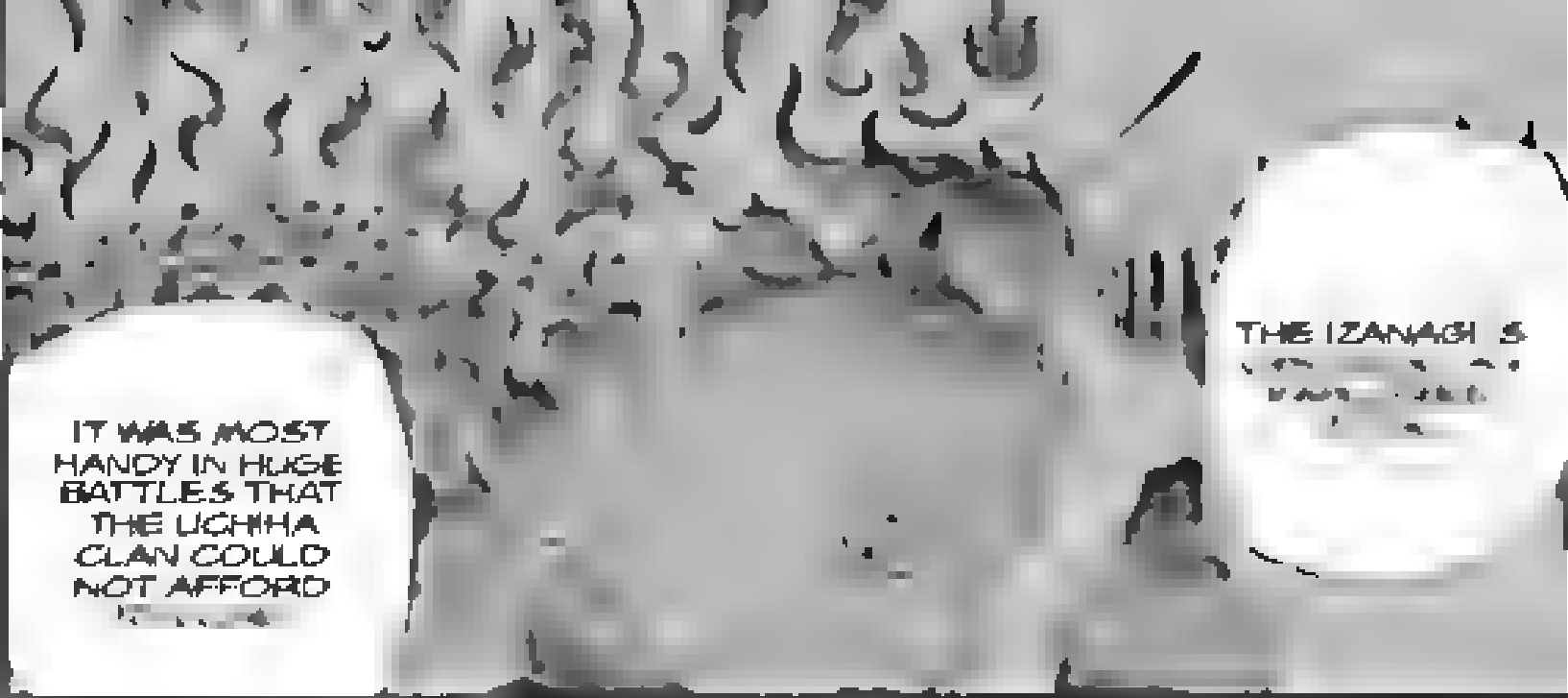
WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?

NOT QUITE.  
THERE IS AN  
ESCAPE ROUTE  
BUILT INTO THE  
JUTSU. YOU COULD  
FEASIBLY  
DISENGAGE  
FROM THE  
LOOP

THE  
IZANAMI WAS  
DEVELOPED TO  
ADMONISH AND  
SALVAGE AN  
IZANAGI USER

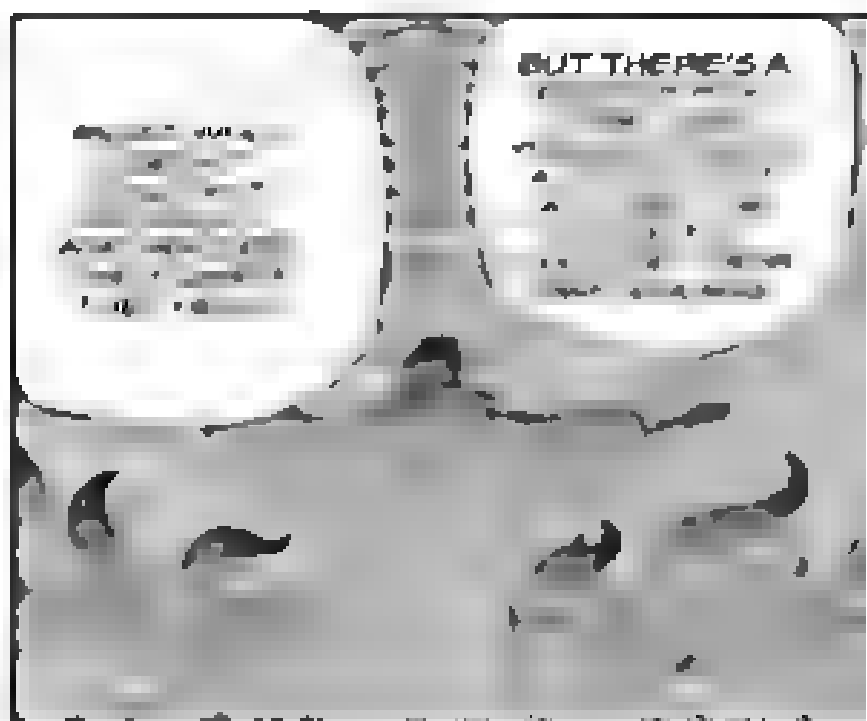
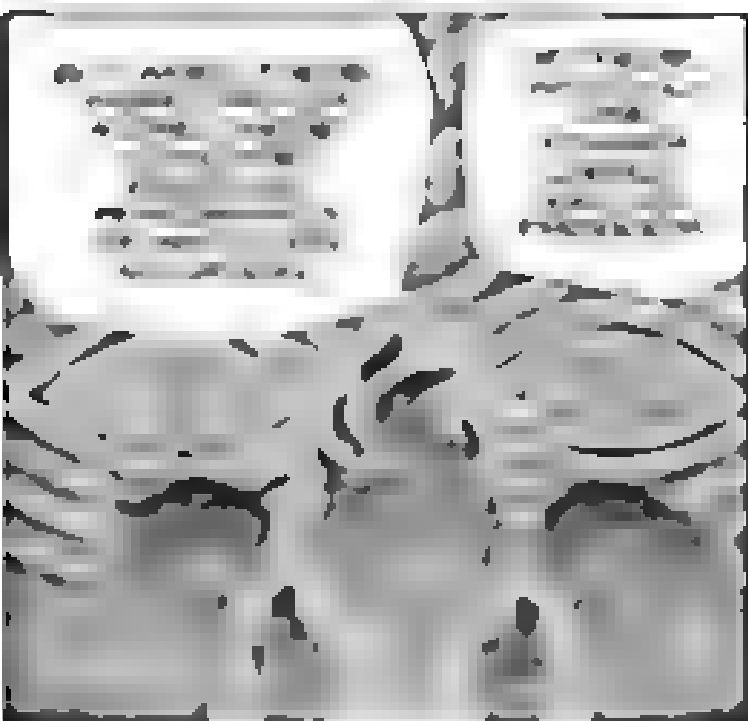
ULTIMATELY,  
YOU CAN PICK  
AND CHOOSE  
THE MOST  
DESIRABLE  
END RESULT.

IF SOMETHING  
DOES NOT GO THE  
WAY YOU WANT IT  
TO, YOU CAN JUST  
ERASE THAT  
OUTCOME AND  
START ALL OVER.

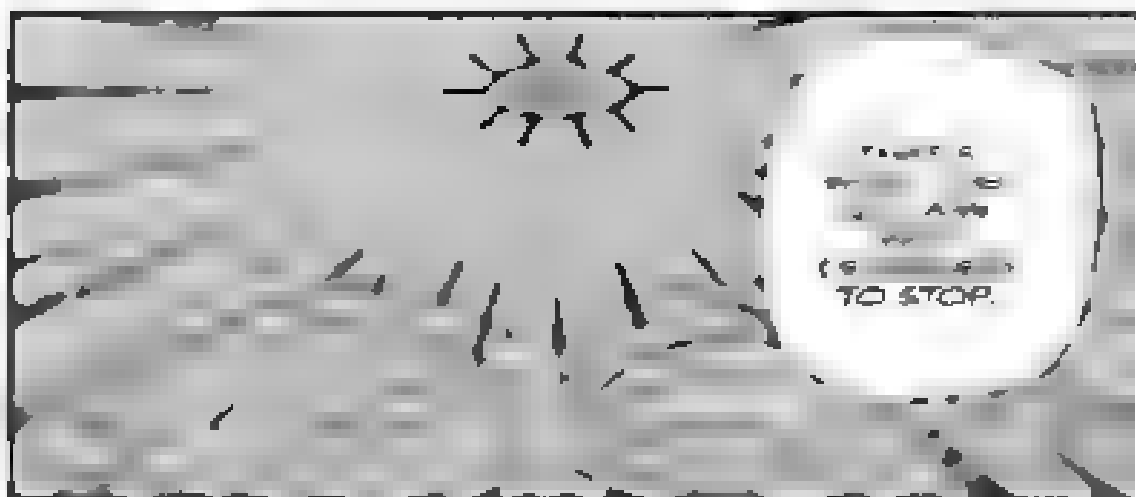


IT WAS MOST  
HANDY IN HUGE  
BATTLES THAT  
THE UCHHA  
CLAN COULD  
NOT AFFORD

THE IZANAGI S  
WAS THE



BUT THERE'S A



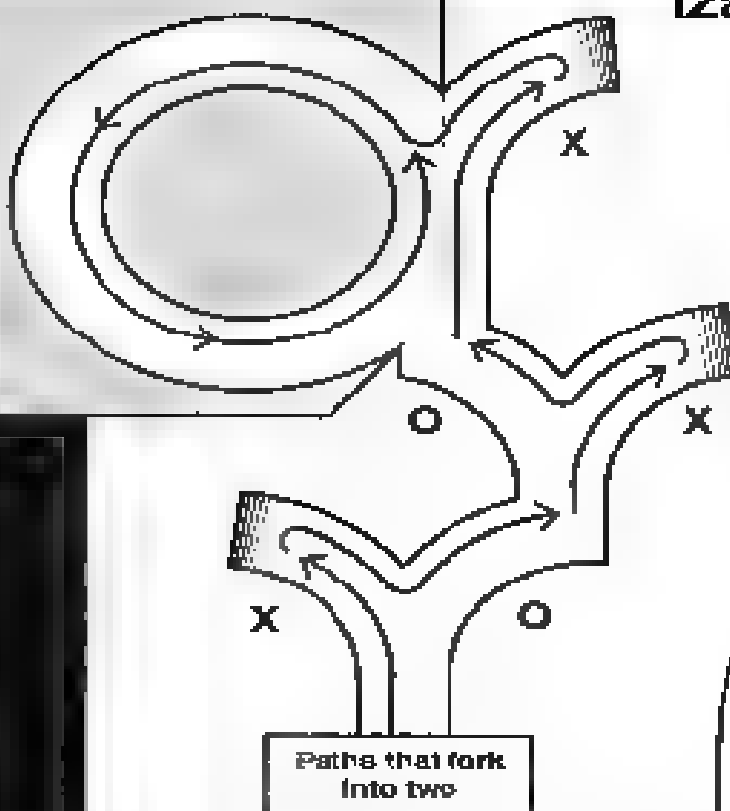
THEY  
WAS  
TO STOP.

## Izanami

If one erases branch X and proceeds to branch O, one ends up going around in circles.

AND CAUSE THEM TO ENDLESSLY CIRCLE AROUND IN A LOOP

## Izanagi



THE IZANAMI IS SET UP TO TAKE SOMEONE WHO IS USING THE IZANAGI TO CHANGE AN OUTCOME TO BENEFIT ONESELF



...THERE'S AN ESCAPE ROUTE BUILT INTO THAT LOOP AS WELL...

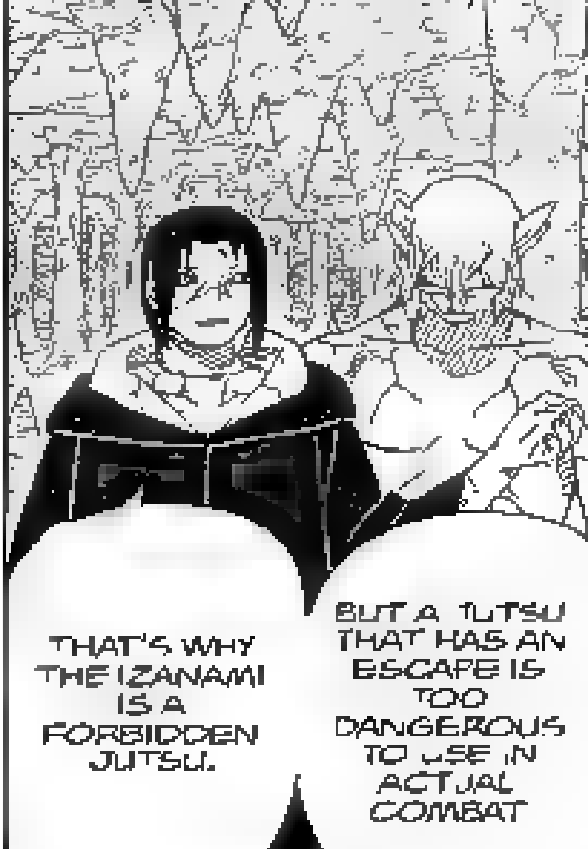
OF COURSE, SINCE THE IZANAMI IS A JUTSU MEANT FOR STOPPING THE IZANAGI...



THE ZANAMI IS DESIGNED TO KEEP UCHIHA CLANSMEN HUMBLE AND HONORABLE

IT'S TO STOP YOU FROM TAKING THE EASY WAY OUT, FROM AVOIDING ANY INCONVENIENT OUTCOMES.





THAT'S WHY  
THE IZANAMI  
IS A  
FORBIDDEN  
JUTSU.

BUT A JUTSU  
THAT HAS AN  
ESCAPE IS  
TOO  
DANGEROUS  
TO USE IN  
ACTUAL  
COMBAT



THIS JUTSU  
GUIDES YOU  
TOWARD  
ACCEPTING  
YOUR FATE...  
INSTEAD OF  
RELYING ON  
JUTSU TO  
CHANGE IT

ONCE ONE  
ACCEPTS THE  
ORIGINAL  
OUTCOME AND  
STOPS TRYING  
TO RUN FROM  
IT, THE LOOP  
WILL STOP



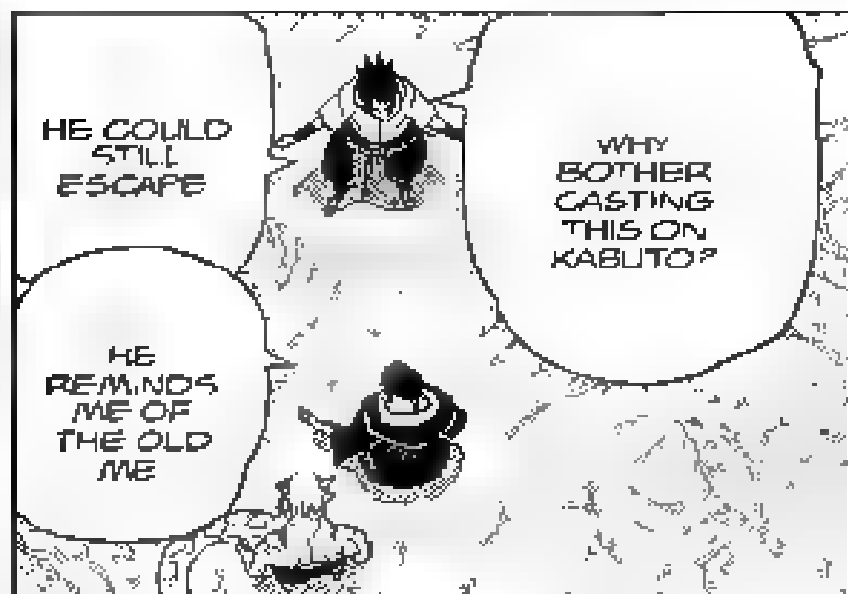
IF KABUTO  
STOPS  
TRYING TO  
TRANSFORM...

...HE CAN  
STOP  
THE  
LOOP



I THOUGHT  
I WAS  
UNSTOPPABLE


I THOUGHT  
I COULD  
ACCOMPLISH  
ANYTHING



HE COULD  
STILL  
ESCAPE


HE  
REMINDS  
ME OF  
THE OLD  
ME

WHY  
BOTHR  
CASTING  
THIS ON  
KABUTO?




KABUTO IS SO  
DELUDED THAT  
HE THINKS ALL  
THESE POWERS  
ARE HIS AND HIS  
ALONE.

I STOPPED  
LISTENING TO  
ANYONE ELSE.  
I STOPPED  
TRUSTING  
ANYONE.



BUT HE'S  
NOT  
COMPLETELY  
TO BLAME  
FOR HIS NOT  
REALIZING  
THAT.

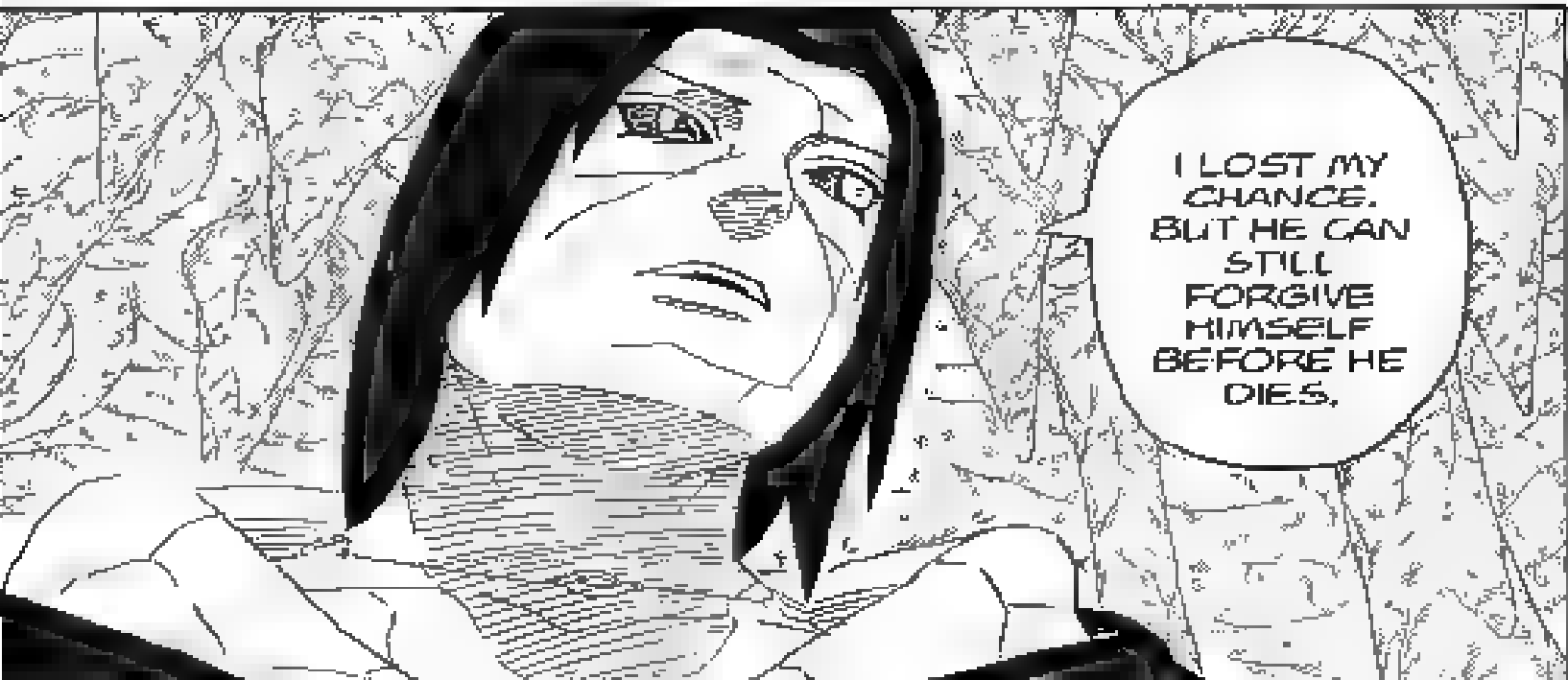
WHAT HE IS  
DOING IS  
CERTAINLY  
WRONG.



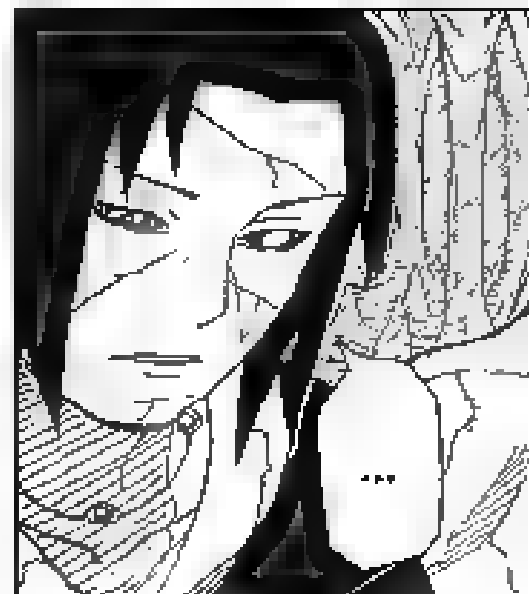
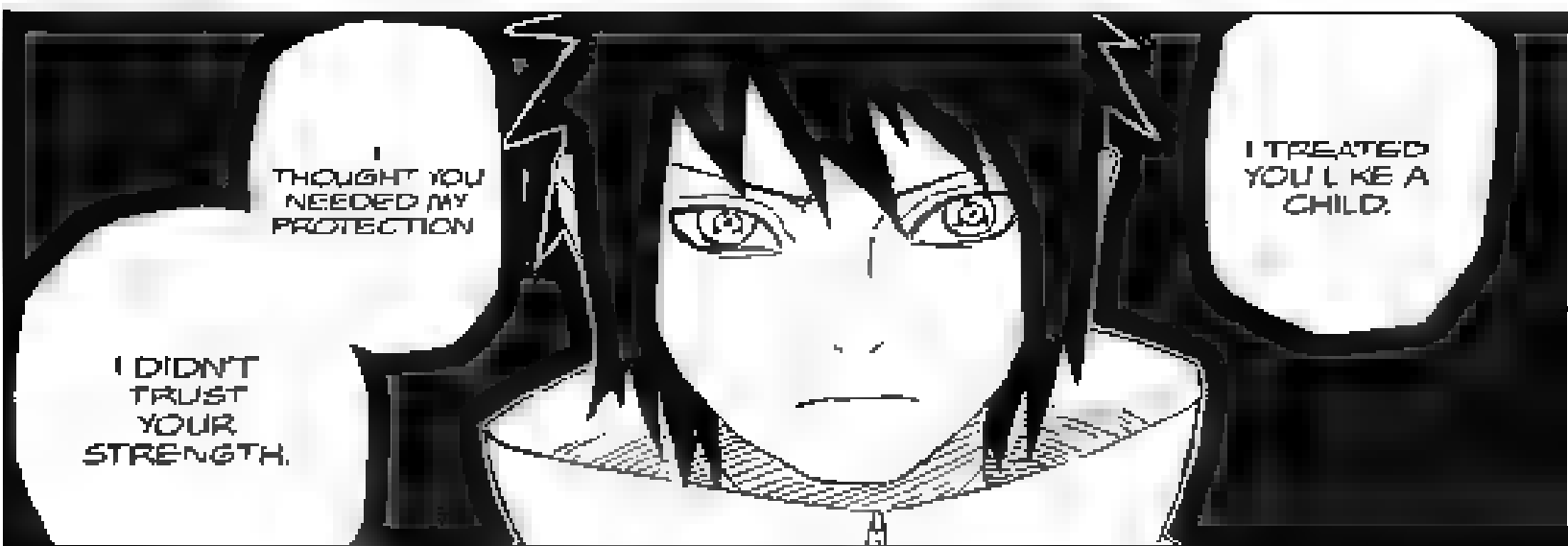
HE CAN'T  
FORGIVE  
HIMSELF FOR  
WHAT HE'S  
DONE  
BECAUSE HE  
CAN'T SEE  
HIMSELF FOR  
WHO AND WHAT  
HE TRULY IS.

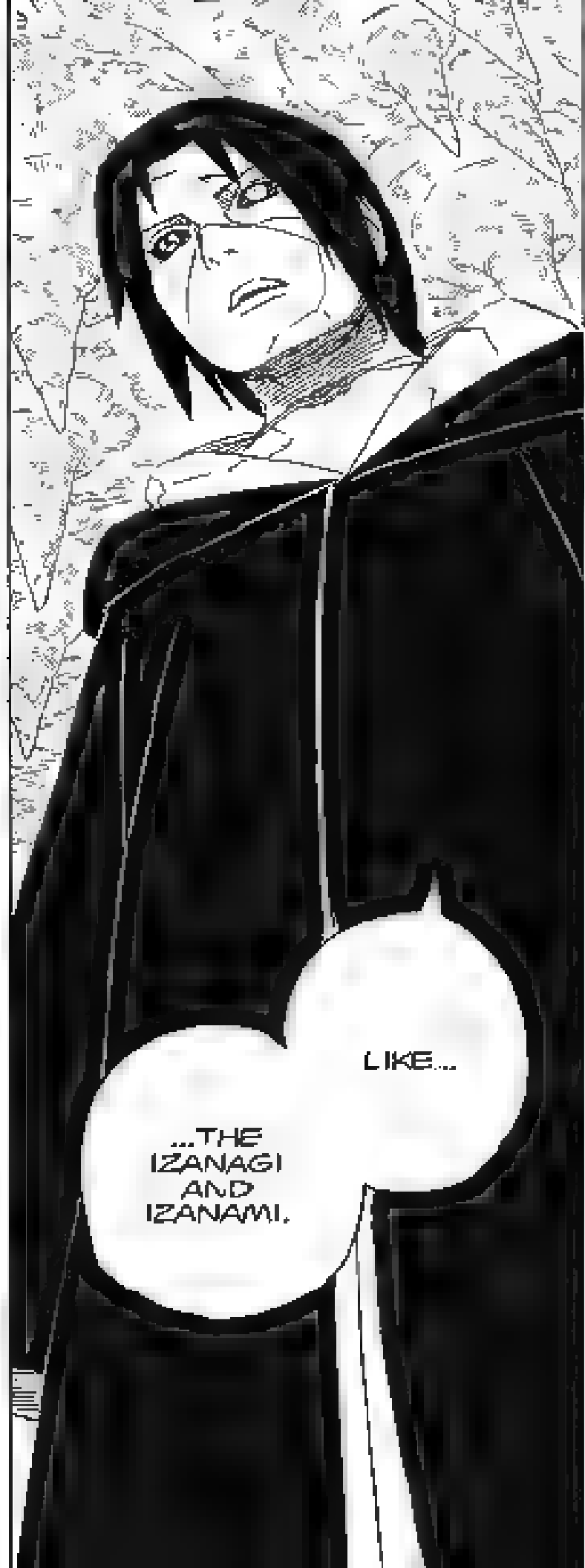
UNDERSTAND  
HIM TOO WELL.  
THE SHINOBI  
WORLD HAS  
MADE US BOTH  
VICTIMS OF OUR  
OWN EGOS.

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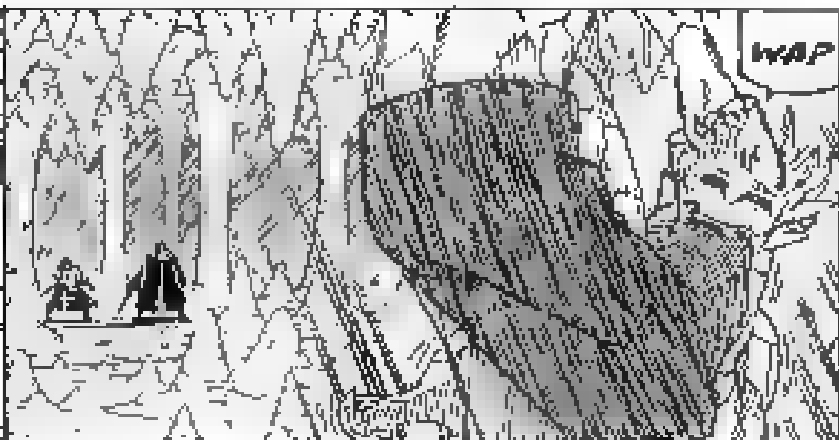


I LOST MY  
CHANCE.  
BUT HE CAN  
STILL  
FORGIVE  
HIMSELF  
BEFORE HE  
DIES.











WATER STYLE!  
WATER DRAGON  
MISSILE!!

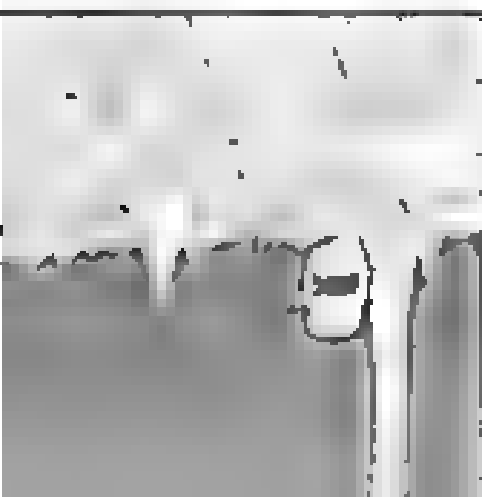
JAPANESE  
MANGA



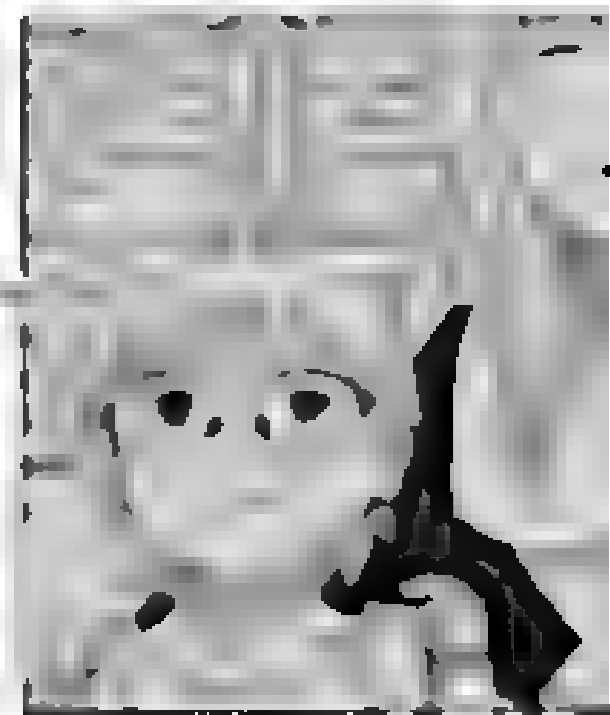
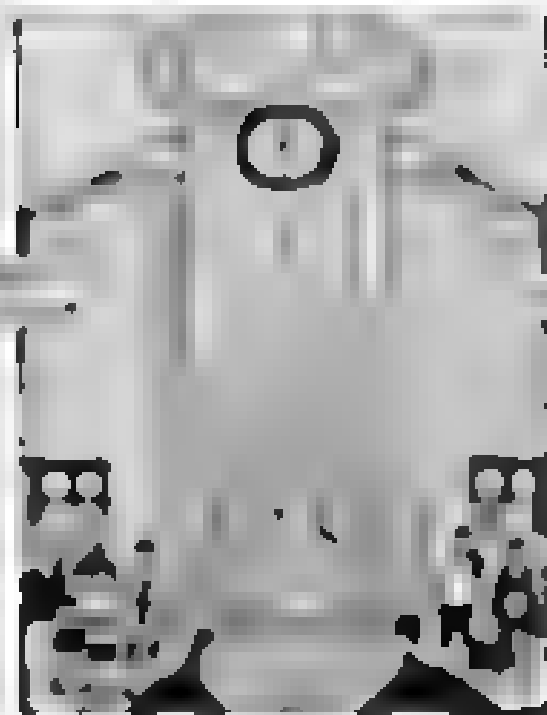
SHOOO SHOOO



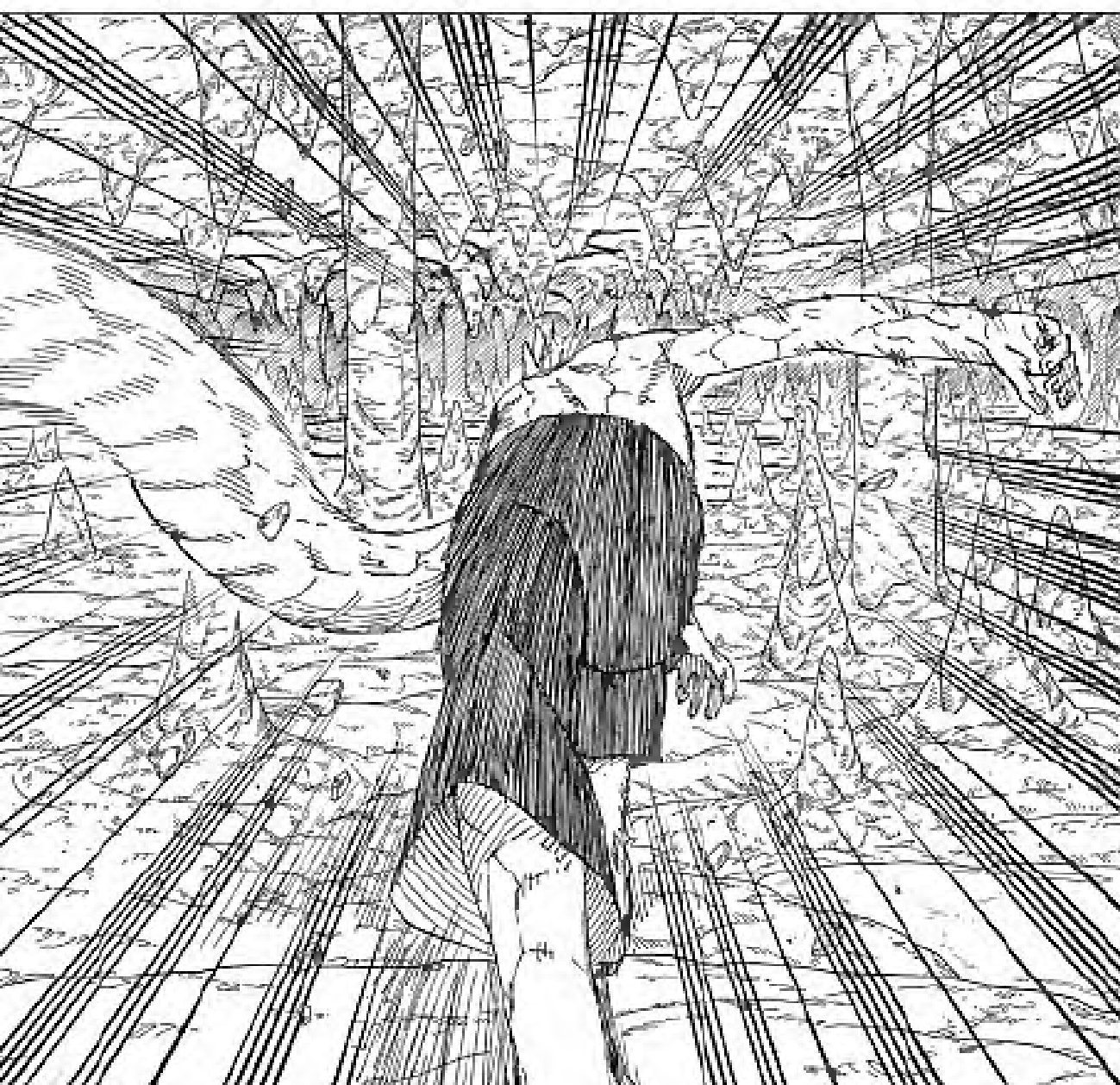
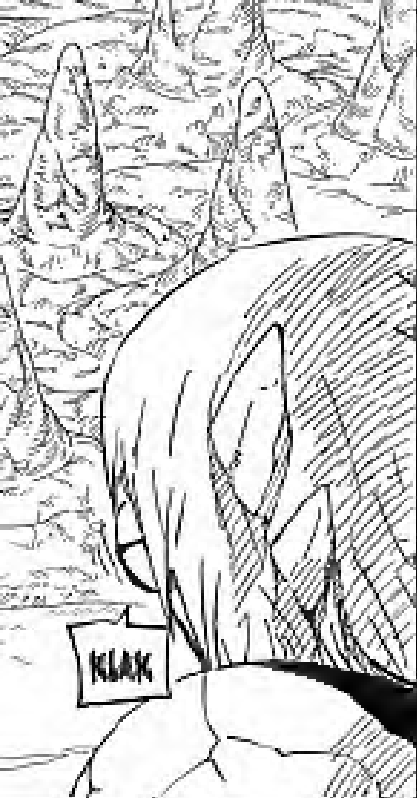
SPLASH



SHOOO









...TO YOU  
OR TO  
MYSELF.

IF I'D DONE  
THAT I  
NEVER  
WOULD  
HAVE HAD  
TO LIE TO  
ANYONE...



FIRST...

I SHOULD'VE  
ACKNOWLEDGED  
AND  
APPRECIATED  
*MYSELF.*



ITACHI...!



I'D BE  
SLEEPING  
BY NOW.



